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Meets Ros, Parsons Falklands peace hopes persist -- de Cuellar

UNITED NATIONS, May 8 (R) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Saturday brushed aside suggestions that Britain's extension of its "no-go" zone in the South Atlantic made his peace-making efforts more difficult.

"What is important for me is that hostilities don't take place in the area," he said. He was responding to questions from reporters as he arrived at U.N. headquarters for separate meetings with Argentine Deputy Foreign Minister Enrique Ros and Britain's U.N. representative, Sir Anthony Parsons.

Asked whether he was disappointed that Britain had extended its exclusion zone to within 12 miles of the Argentine coast, he said: "No, I shouldn't say so. I think as long as there are no real hostilities, I have no reasons for being disappointed."

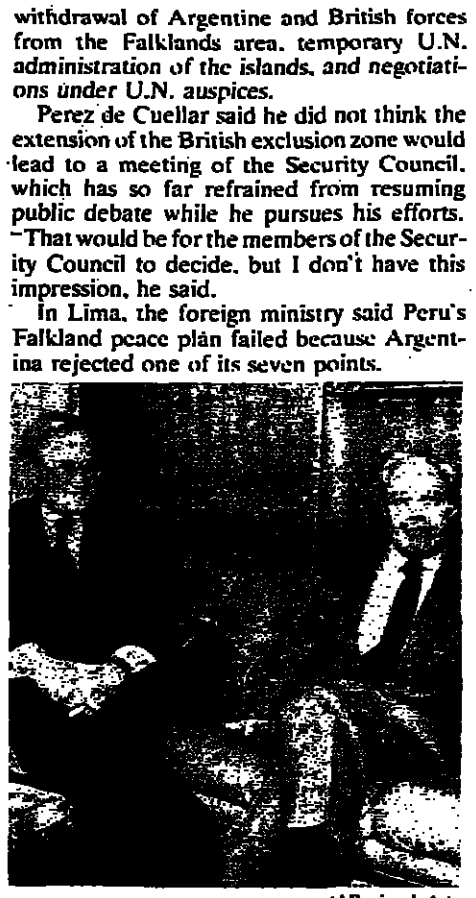
He said Argentina had already sent a letter to the Security Council complaining about the British move.

The secretary-general, who met both Ros and Sir Anthony Friday, said: "I hope that today we are having real progress, or at least that we will know whether there are reasons for hope."

Questioned about the degree of common ground he had found between the two sides, he said: "There is some common ground, of course." The fact the two sides were talking with him demonstrated interest in a peaceful solution, the secretary-general said.

Asked whether the question of sovereignty over the Falklands was not the basic issue, he said: "The discussion of the problem of sovereignty is excluded from my exercise... I think it is for the parties to discuss at a later stage, not now."

Although the U.N. has not disclosed the ideas for a solution which the secretary-general has put to the two sides, they are believed to include a ceasefire, the phased



(AP wirephoto)
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS: Argentina's undersecretary for foreign relations, Enrique Ros (left) meets with U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar at the United Nations Friday to continue diplomatic efforts to end the Falklands crisis.

Argentina flays action U.K. extends blockade

LONDON, May 8 (R) — Britain's South Atlantic naval fleet policed a war zone along the length of Argentina's 2,500 mile (4,200 kms) coast Saturday.

The extension of the zone Friday from the Falkland Islands to within 12 miles of the coast raised the prospect of renewed fighting at any time if it is challenged by Argentina. It drew a defiant response from Argentina which pledged to fight wherever and whenever necessary.

The British said any Argentine warships or military aircraft found in the zone risked attack. Official sources said the wider zone was needed to protect the fleet sent to relieve the Falklands which Argentina seized April 2 and has garrisoned with 10,000 troops.

British military experts said the blockade of Argentine air and naval bases was an attempt to secure military superiority without bombing military targets on the mainland.

The Defense Ministry said Saturday there had been no fighting during the last 24 hours. The Falklands were shrouded by fog and low cloud. There has been a lull in the conflict since the British destroyer *Sheffield* was hit Tuesday. Britain remains insistent that it still wanted to negotiate a settlement and blamed Argentina for showing intransigence.

In Buenos Aires Argentine Foreign Ministry accused Britain of extending its blockade to the entire Argentine coast and said it was another escalation of the conflict. The foreign ministry said Friday night the British decision to extend its war zone to within 12 miles of the mainland came after the Argentine government had accepted the good offices of U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to help seek a peaceful agreement.

Tel Aviv releases abducted Arab men

BEIRUT, May 8 (Agencies) — Lebanon's state-run television station said Friday night an Israeli helicopter landed in South Lebanon earlier in the day and "four Arab men" were forcibly taken to Israel.

The kidnapping occurred shortly before Israeli authorities claimed that Palestinian commandos had slipped across the Lebanese demarcation lines and planted landmines on a road used by Israeli military vehicles in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

(As the Israeli investigators found that the four had nothing to do with the incident, they were released, a spokesman said in Tel Aviv Saturday.)

The Lebanese television report did not say the four Arabs were the ones suspected of planting the landmines, which were deactivated by Israeli soldiers before they could explode, but the newscaster quoted Israeli authorities as saying their soldiers had tracked the "infiltrators" from the landmines in the Lebanese village of Chebaa.

A spokesman for the United Nations peace-keeping force in South Lebanon said an Israeli helicopter landed Friday morning near Chebaa, but he said he had no word on the report that four Arabs were taken to Israel.

Timur Goksel, the spokesman, said that the Israeli helicopter landed just inside Lebanon Friday morning. He said eight soldiers got out of the helicopter, but when U.N. troops from the Norwegian battalion fired warning shots, the soldiers went toward the Golan side.

Goksel said that starting about 8:30 a.m. local time (0630 GMT), an Israeli helicopter was sighted in the air between the villages of Chebaa and Kfar Chouba but turned back when the Norwegians fired smoke grenades in front of it. The third time the helicopter was sighted, Goksel said, it landed about two and 2.5 kms southwest of Chebaa. That was when the eight soldiers disembarked.

Chebaa and Kfar Chouba are located inside Lebanon, opposite the Golan Heights which Israel occupied in 1967.

Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman Mahmoud Labadi said "this is a blatant violation of the ceasefire and an act of aggression and an act of arrogance."

Meanwhile, seven persons were injured in South Lebanon early Saturday following clashes between Communist militia and members of the Amal in Sarafand, some 50 kms south of Beirut, press correspondents based in the area reported. It was unclear why the clashes began, but newsmen said both groups used heavy artillery. Talks were under way to negotiate a ceasefire, they said.

In clashes between the same two groups last month, 60 persons were killed and 150 injured in South Lebanon and West Beirut.

A police spokesman said Saturday three persons were killed and 23 wounded in night-long gun battles between rival private armies in Lebanon's northern port city of Tripoli. The spokesman said two men were killed and four wounded in another inter-militia clash in the Al El-Nabhi village in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

Fighting in Tripoli, 80 kms north of Beirut, pitted a Muslim grouping called the Popular Resistance and the Arab Knights Militia of the Syrian-backed Arab Democratic Party. The spokesman said.

Iraq orders pullout of Khuzistan units

BEIRUT, May 8 (Agencies) — Iraq's military command said Saturday that its forces were ordered to withdraw to new positions near the border from Iran's embattled southwestern oil province of Khuzistan in an indirect confession of a major defeat in the 19-month Gulf war.

"According to special considerations for ensuring stronger momentum to confront the enemy and destroy his force in the region, it has been decided to withdraw these forces to new positions near the border," the high command in Baghdad said. The statement, reported by the official Iraqi News Agency INA, came on the ninth day of an Iranian general offensive designed to recover the occupied portions of Khuzistan from Iraq's invading forces.

The Baghdad statement did not give the locations of the new border positions to which its forces were withdrawing nor did it say what areas in Khuzistan were vacated. But it said the "Muhammad Al-Qassem" and "Usama" forces were covered by the withdrawal orders. These are the names of 14th century commanders who staged the Islamic conquests in the Middle East and Asia Minor. Iraq names each of its army's divisions and brigades after historic Arab conquerors.

A few hours before the Baghdad statement was made public, Iran said its advancing forces "liberated" two strategic highway towns from 19 months of Iraqi occupation in Khuzistan.

The official Iranian News Agency IRNA said Iranian troops stormed into Hamid and Hoveizeh at mid-morning and hoisted the flag of Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Republic in the two towns that were conquered by the Iraqis in the early weeks of the war which started in September 1980.

The claim followed a flurry of military communiqués from Baghdad which said waves of Iraqi helicopter gunships staged dozens of rocket-firing assaults to shake off the Iranian attack at Iraqi ground forces "encircled and annihilated thousands of enemy troops."

Hoveizeh is 30 kms southwest of the highway city of Susanger in the upper flank of Khuzistan 25 kms from the Iraqi border. The town stands at the end of a 50 kms road leading eastward to Khuzistan's provincial capital of Ahvaz, from which the Iranian counteroffensive was mounted.

Hamid is a key stronghold 40 kms southeast of Ahvaz on Khuzistan's 112-kms main highway that links Ahvaz with the Shatt Al-Arab city of Khorramshahr, Iran's largest pre-war commercial port.

In Tehran, Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hussein Mussavi Saturday declined to rule out the possibility of an Iranian incursion into Iraq as Iranian troops reportedly reached the Iraqi border in their week-long offensive. In an interview with *Islamic Republic*, Mussavi remained vague on the question of an eventual border crossing, replying: "We have always shown we have no territorial ambitions."

His response came amid repeated suggestions by political, religious and military authorities that an incursion into Iraq may prove a military necessity. The week-long offensive, according to official communiqués Friday, has enabled Iranian forces to drive a wedge into the front and take up new positions along 17 kms of the Iraqi border.

The communique said Iranian forces had successfully liberated more than 300 square kms of Iranian territory, wiped out three enemy brigades, and destroyed six Iraqi planes, including two French-built Mirage jets.

Against mayors' sacking West Bank strikes today

TEL AVIV, May 8 (AFP) — The West Bank and Gaza Strip prepared to begin a general open-ended strike Sunday to protest Israeli sacking of four Arab mayors, while continued anti-Israeli uprisings were reported in the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights Saturday.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij said gates to West Bank and Gaza Strip municipalities would be closed Sunday and only minimal essential services would be maintained. "We will continue to boycott the Israeli civil administration because this is a sacred national obligation," he told AFP.

The municipalities demand immediate reinstatement of the mayors of Anabta, El Bireh, Nablus and Ramallah, removed from their functions by Israeli occupational authorities in March and April. Nablus Mayor Basam Shakah was quoted by a newspaper Saturday as saying, "If the Israeli authorities do not respond to our demands, the municipalities will force them to comply."

Israeli radio meanwhile reported that the Golan Druze residents of Massadeh Friday night burned tires in the streets and stoned police vehicles, continuing the uprising sparked by police checks of Druze identity cards.

The Druze refuse to accept Israeli identity cards, saying that would signify submission to Israel's Dec. 14 annexation of the Golan Heights.

The radio also reported demonstrations in the Golan town of Maj. Shams Friday night. It said three Druzes were arrested and nine others wounded by Israeli gunfire in the uprising in Bukata early Friday.

In Gaza, which last Thursday began a boycott of the Israeli administration, Mayor Rashad Shawwa said the boycott was in protest of "inhuman conduct of Israeli soldiers and civilians toward Arabs in the occupied territories." "The conduct," said the statement, included "...the murder of demonstrators, collective punishment, land seizures, establishment of Israeli settlements, and destruction of local economic life."

"This conduct," said the statement, "aims at forcing Palestinians to abandon their land, and emigrate in order to make Israeli annexation easier."

The Gaza Municipal Council said in a statement it would demand "the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people, and the creation of an independent state on the land of their ancestors."

ADB lets funds from non-Africans

LUSAKA, May 8 (AFP) — The African Development Bank (ADB) is embarking on an ambitious \$8,000 million investment program for 1982-86, but that is still a small amount compared to the urgent economic needs of its 50 African member countries, bank officials said here Saturday at the close of the ADB's 18th annual meeting.

The major achievement of the meeting was the ratification of an amendment to allow equity participation of non-African countries in the ADB, a move which the bank has been working on for four years. It was accomplished on Thursday when Nigeria dramatically dropped its opposition to the amendment.

Now 25 non-African countries — primarily the United States, Japan and Western European countries — will join the bank. They are expected to increase its general fund from \$2,800 million to \$6,000 million.

The ADB will need all that capital and more if it is to make a difference in Africa's problems. ADB president Wila Mung'omba said in an address to the annual meeting.

Half of the 50 African states in the ADB is suffering from stagnation or decline of their economies and the prospect for Africa in the 1980s are "grimmer still," Mung'omba said.

Mung'omba urged ADB members to make Africa "a continent of more action and less talk," about economic health. The ADB itself has made considerable progress, increasing its five-year target by almost \$7,000 million from the \$1,200 million invested by the bank in its previous 1977-81 five-year plan.

Kaunda confers with Santos on resolving Namibia issue

LISBON, May 8 (R) — President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia arrived Saturday in Angola and held talks with the country's leaders, just over a week after meeting South African Prime Minister P. W. Botha.

The talks were expected to focus on a settlement of the conflict in neighboring Namibia (South West Africa) and Kaunda's April 30 discussions with Botha.

Angola is the main haven for guerrillas fighting for the independence of Namibia, still ruled by South Africa in defiance of the United Nations. Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos is reported by Western diplomats to have placed his hopes for the economic revival of Angola on a solution of the Namibian conflict, which has brought fighting to Angolan territory.

The official Angolan news agency Angop said Kaunda was met at Luanda Airport by President Dos Santos at the start of a brief working visit. Angola has been the scene of many South African attacks, most of them described by Pretoria as aimed solely at guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) based north of the Namibian border. The fighting inside Angola has played havoc with the country's agriculture, a source of maize supplies for Zambia.

The Angolan authorities have estimated the damage caused by successive South African raids into their country at \$7 billion in the five years up to the end of 1980. In addition there have been continuous attacks by South African-backed guerrillas of Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) against a railway line which normally carries mineral exports from Zambia and Zaire to the Atlantic port of Lobito.

Angola has said that a new South African raid into its territory is imminent. This would follow an offensive which SWAPO said it had launched in Namibia last month.

Ironically, Kaunda was a supporter of Savimbi during the Angolan civil war which broke out after the country gained independence from Portugal in 1975.

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Over arms to Taipei Bush mission to Peking flops

PEKING, May 8 (Agencies) — American Vice-President George Bush Saturday ended talks with Chinese leaders without reaching agreement on their dispute over U.S. arms sales to nationalist China (Taiwan).

Bush said after meetings with Communist Party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping and Premier Zhao Ziyang that it was agreed discussions between officials would continue. He urged at a reception that China and U.S. should not allow their disagreements to dominate their relations, now at their worst since they were normalized in 1979.

The United States has angered China by agreeing to sell Taiwan military spares worth \$60 million. Bush said "the subject of Taiwan was the essential point of our talks" but other international issues, including the Falklands crisis were also discussed.

He had conveyed President Reagan's views and feelings on foreign policy to China's leaders, and would carry back theirs to the president.

Offering the U.S. vice-president "our sincere welcome," at the beginning of Saturday's talks, Deng told the visiting leader: "I hope through your visit and our discussions we will be able to clear away the shadows and dark clouds overhanging our relations."

Bush said "We feel our relationship is very important, and our president feels strongly about it." He said he hoped he would leave Communist China with a lot more understanding about the fundamental nature of this relationship.

In a joking reference to Deng's 1979 U.S. visit, the vice-president asked him if he still had the cowboy hat he was given in Texas.

When the Chinese leader said yes, he still had it. Bush said news pictures of him wearing the hat "did more for friendly relations between our two countries than any other picture."

At a welcoming banquet Friday night, Premier Zhao Ziyang told the visiting American: "We both recognize that there exist serious obstacles in present Sino-U.S. relations. He added that the Chinese side was ready to have frank and sincere exchange of views with the vice-president and discuss ways of removing the obstacles."

Bush told the premier the U.S. government recognized there were issues of difference to be discussed and important ideas to be exchanged. "My visit is the symbol of the good faith with which we seek to bridge the differences and preserve and strengthen our important strategic relationship," he added.

The vice-president said his talks with Huang, while frank and candid, were conducted in an atmosphere of old friendship. Bush was in Peking in the mid 1970s as head of the U.S. Liaison Office, upgraded to an embassy when relations were normalized in 1979.

In apparent efforts to present a united Sino-American front to the Soviet Union, Bush Friday stressed "the vital roles and responsibilities" of the U.S. and Communist China in maintaining world peace. Bush urged mutual cooperation "to bring about and maintain global peace in the face of hegemonic expansion." In the Chinese political vocabulary, "hegemony" is a code word for references to the Soviet Union.

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Yanpet signs \$114m loan agreement

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 8 — Saudi Yanbu Petrochemical Company (Yanpet), a joint venture between the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC) and an affiliate of the Mobil Oil Corp., announced Saturday the signing of a \$114.75 million loan agreement with a syndicate of banks.

A statement by SABIC said that the loan will be provided by the National Commercial Bank (which also is acting as an agent for the group), the Arab Petroleum Investments Corp., Riyadh Bank, Gulf International Bank B.S.C., the Saudi International Bank (Al-Bank — Saudi Al-Alami Ltd.) and the International Westminster Bank Plc.

The loan is related to the export of Italian manufactured equipment for Yanpet's petrochemical complex in Yanbu. In this connection, Mediocredito Centrale, an Italian government financing institution, will provide soft funding conditions as a part of the Italian government policy for encouragement of the country's exports.

Dillon Read Overseas Corp. are acting as advisers in connection with this aspect of the transaction. Yanpet's petrochemical complex, scheduled to begin operation in early 1985, will produce annually 450,000 metric tons of ethylene, 200,000 metric tons of low-density polyethylene, 90,000 metric tons of high-density polyethylene and 200,000 metric tons of ethylene glycol. The cost of the complex will be financed by shareholder capital (30 percent), loans from the Public Investment Fund (60 percent) and commercial bank loans (10 percent). Participation by Saudi international banks in providing the required commercial bank loan positively reflects the confidence that the financial institutions have in the basic industries projects in the Kingdom, in particular, and in the Saudi Arabian economy, in general, the SABIC statement said.

Team leaves for parley
RIYADH, May 8 (SPA) — A Saudi Arabian delegation will attend an international telephone conference opening in the Swedish capital, Stockholm, Monday. The delegation will be led by the director of the Eastern Region's telephone department, Abdullah Al-Abad.

The five-day conference will review a number of research papers pertaining to telephone and wireless services and discuss issues concerning the use of advanced telecommunications equipment.

Only 5.2% higher than last one

Budget conservative--official

JEDDAH, May 8 — The new budget for fiscal year 1982-83 is conservative as it shows an increase of only 5.2 percent over the year preceding, the lowest rate of increase in several years.

Dr. Saleh Al-Umair, deputy minister for budget and organization at the finance and national economy ministry, told *Saudi Business* that despite nominal drops in all items for such sectors as public administration, transport and communications and the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, actual spending in real terms will remain close to last year's level.

In regard to credit agencies, which are to receive 5.9 percent less this year, Umair said the difference in actual allocations is negligible. This is so because the funds lent by these agencies are recycled when the borrowing institutions start repayment. He instanced the Real Estate Development Fund which will get back SR2 billion from borrowers this year. Likewise, the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) will be self-sufficient this year because of repayment of loans, he added.

In a reference to the University of Petroleum and Minerals, Umair said it is a specialized institution with limited scope

for growth. Though the allocation has declined from SR900 million last year to SR810 million this year, the operating expenditure will be higher, he said. UPM has already completed its infrastructural projects, he added. As regards the electricity sector, he said that if allocations for the Ministry of Industry and Electricity and the SIDF loans to the electricity companies are combined, the total allocations are higher than last year's.

On manpower development, Umair said it enjoys a 20 percent increase in allocations over the last year. Similar is the case with the defense and security sectors which get SR92.9 billion as against SR82.5 billion last year. In addition, health services will receive a 20 percent increase in grants this year. Hospital beds will be hiked by 800, together with three new 200-bed hospitals, besides a few more clinics and other medical institutions.

Meanwhile, Umair asserted that the country's economy is expected to grow by 10 to 11 percent this year, which he described as "remarkably good." Also, the rate of inflation this year will be less than seven percent, while the government will continue to meet the major needs of the economy, he added.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — Interior and acting Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Naif will attend Monday the graduation ceremony of the 40th class of officers at King Abdul Aziz Military Academy. It was officially announced here Saturday. The group comprises 119 officers, including cadets from Bahrain and Qatar.

JEDDAH — Pakistan Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan arrives here Sunday on a two-day visit for talks with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Saud Al-Faisal. The Pakistani minister, who arrives here after attending the Al-Quds Committee meeting in Fez, Morocco, is expected to call on King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, according to a Pakistani embassy statement Saturday.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Western Region Water and Sewage Authority will hold a meeting Tuesday night under its chairman, Makkah Governor Prince Majed, Fahd Al-Sulaiman, the authority's director general, said Saturday that the board meeting will discuss damage done to Makkah's water supply pipelines and the authority's efforts in this context.

ABU DHABI, (SPA) — Muhammad

Al-Qassimi received Saturday Saudi Arabian Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Anqari. The meeting was attended by UAE Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sief Al-Jarwan. Sheikh Qassimi also is a member of the UAE supreme council. The Saudi minister arrived in Abu Dhabi earlier in the day to open a seminar on Arab and international labor.

JAKARTA, (AFP) — An Indonesian department store will be opened in Jeddah, this year, sponsored by the Indonesian Exporters Association GPEI, a store official announced here Saturday. The store, near the city's shopping center, would provide lots in addition to storage facilities for rental to Indonesian businesses. GPEI Executive Abubakar Al-Jufri quoted by *Antara News Agency* said. Lots had already been reserved by traders in textiles, garments, handicrafts, furniture and leather articles, while others were expected to follow suit, Jufri said.

AHSA, (SPA) — The Gulf Girl Welfare Society here has announced that May 23 will be the final day for receiving applications for its dress-making, typing and Arab and English language courses. Admission conditions include possession of primary school certificate for the dress-making course and intermediate certificate for the typing courses, as minimum limits.

Court complexes to be constructed

RIYADH, May 8 (SPA) — Plans have been made ready for the establishment of Sharia courts in Yanbu, Jubail, Mahayel, Hafr Al-Baten and Daumat Al-Jandal, it was announced here Saturday.

The new courts will be set up within the framework of Justice Ministry's plan to build subsidiary complexes in major towns and sharia courts in all areas. Under the plan, the ministry had awarded contracts for such complexes and courts in Makkah, Alkhobar, Abha, Qasab, Qurayyat and Quwayyah.

Meanwhile, last week, Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Sheikh had paid a special visit to the courts complex in Dammam, to inspect the courts and the notary offices.

Islamic discipline urged on students abroad

RIYADH, May 8 (SPA) — Every Saudi Arabian national going on scholarship abroad should act as an ambassador of his country and a representative of the Arab and Islamic community, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani told graduates of a special course for students going to study abroad.

The minister held a meeting at the Riyadh Information Center Saturday to explain the dimensions of the special courses for students going on scholarship. The course, the third in a series, has been organized by the Higher Institute for Promotion of Islam, affiliated to Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University (IMSIU). The meeting was attended by Saleh ibn Saud Al-Ali, the institute's director and supervisor of the department in charge of courses for scholarship students.

Yamani told the students of some problems facing students abroad and how they could be overcome by devotion to the ultimate task of pursuing education and serving the country from their job positions. The minister urged the students to be on guard in regard to their religion and conduct and be an example for others to follow.

He told them to maintain a live relationship with their country at all times "so that they can continue their education to play their individual roles in serving the comprehensive development of their country." Yamani stressed that the government and all concerned departments should spare nothing in looking after nationals sent abroad and their families by discussing their problems and trying to provide immediate solutions.

The minister referred the Information Ministry's efforts in supplying students with newspapers and publications regularly so that they stay aware of developments in their country. He reiterated the necessity for all to abide by their religion and preserve their conduct and customs. "You should not forget, even for an instant, that you represent this country which is the source of the last divine message. This devolves on you a certain type of conduct," he told them.

At the end of the address, Dr. Yamani responded to questions by the students on topics which concern the youth, in general, and students on scholarship, in particular. In other educational developments IMI-

SIU's Sharia and Islamic Studies College in Ahsa fixed May 22 as the beginning of the final examinations for the current academic year. The college caters for 380 regular and part time students.

Meanwhile, Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University college of science hosted Saturday the first course on standards and quality control of production. The course, organized by the college of engineering, is attended by delegates from Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain and Sudan in addition to representatives of the Saudi Standards Organization (SASO), the Jeddah Industrial City Management and the Khari Military Factories.

The 13-day course aims at improving the scientific and technological standards in industrialization and accuracy and high quality in production. Participants visited, after the first session, the mechanical engineering department of the KAU college.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:17	12:18	11:49	11:36	12:00	12:30
Asr (Afternoon)	3:37	3:44	3:16	3:06	3:30	4:04
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Kingdom-wide traffic week launched

RIYADH, May 8 (SPA) — Governor of Makkah Prince Majed has urged that minors should not be allowed to drive a car before reaching the prescribed age and that officials should not be pressed to waive fine or a jail term from the traffic violators.

In a message on the traffic week, which began Saturday, Prince Majed said that such actions minimize the significance of penalties and, at the same time, help in the commitment of more violations involving the lives and property of the people. He added that the citizens should feel obligated to give first aid to the injured as soon as an accident occurs and should also intimate the unattended cases to the authorities concerned. The governor called upon the public to extend full cooperation to the traffic officials and to respect the traffic rules and regulations.

Meanwhile, the traffic week began nationwide Saturday in cooperation with government and private institutions. Besides seminars and lectures, the traffic department distributed posters and leaflets to educate the public on the significance of the week and to urge them to abide by the traffic rules which have been framed to protect the lives and property of the citizens and foreign residents.

In Madinah, the traffic department distributed a large number of posters and leaflets on all vantage points in the city and organized seminars and lectures to highlight the week's importance. Madinah Traffic Director Maj. Ibrahim Al-Radadi said the purpose of the week is to educate the citizens and the residents on traffic rules for their own safety. He urged them to follow the traffic instructions and to extend full cooperation to the traffic department so as to bring the week to a complete success.

In Makkah, the traffic department prepared flower bouquets and educative literature which will be distributed to the drivers as a symbol of cordiality and cooperation between the drivers and the traffic officials. The department has also organized a traffic exhibition which was opened by Prince Majed early Saturday. The exhibition consists of educative literature explaining the causes of accidents and possible ways of averting them. It also displays statistics on the number of traffic accidents which took place during the first half of the current lunar calendar.

In Riyadh, the traffic officials began distributing booklets and bouquets early Saturday morning. Their activities centered on streets and the casualty departments in the capital's hospitals. In addition, seminars and lectures are being held to discuss the relations which ought to exist between the citizen and the traffic official.



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Director General of Traffic Brig. Muhammad bin Rajaa Al-Harbi said that the week is being held to educate both the nationals and the residents on the importance of respecting the traffic rules and regulations which have been laid down for their safety.

In Baha also, the traffic department began the week with the distribution of posters and booklets to the public. In addition, the region has prepared a heavy program including lectures and seminars to highlight the importance

of the traffic week and to educate the public on the traffic rules.

On the same occasion, Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsin ibn Jiluwi called upon the public to abide by the traffic rules and to cooperate with traffic officials. He described the week as an opportunity to guide the drivers and to make them conscious of traffic violations, so they try to avoid offenses and contribute to the minimizing of accidents in the future.

Action plan set on marine life and environment

By Ahmad Kamal Khuro

JEDDAH, May 8 — The action plan for the conservation of marine environment and coastal areas has been drawn up and is awaiting ratification by four of the member states before going into effect early next year.

According to a spokesman of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment Program, the administrative body set up to take charge of the environmental work, the initial estimate of the project is around \$2 million. The action plan has been framed on the initiative of the Arab League, under the auspices of the UNESCO program for protection of the seas.

The spokesman said that the Arab League has placed \$1 million at the disposal of the administration. The rest of the funds are to be provided by Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Sudan, Somalia, the Palestine Liberation Organization, North and South Yemen and Djibouti. Saudi Arabia is already financing the running of the administration.

The action plan is a set of projects aimed at the protection of marine life and environment and will cover four areas: environmental assessment, environmental management, institutional and financial arrangements and legal affairs.

GCC establishment lauded

Arab peace plan can restore Palestinian rights - Khalifa

BEIRUT, May 8 (SPA) — Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad ibn Mubarak Al-Khalifa has reiterated that the Arab peace proposal, put forward by Saudi Arabia to settle the Middle East problem, would realize the Palestinian people's right to return to their homeland and to establish their independent state.

In an interview to be published in the Lebanese weekly magazine *Al-Nahar* Monday, Khalifa said the proposal has received and is still receiving support from most of the Arab states. He challenged the proposal's opponents to offer an alternative plan, if they had one.

The Bahraini minister reaffirmed the support of the Gulf Cooperation Council states for the Arab peace proposal, saying: "We support it without explanation, for the previous Arab summit conferences have approved it." The proposal represents Saudi Arabian exertion approved by most of the Arab states in the Fez summit, he added.

Khalifa said further that the proposal has nullified all Zionist contentions and claims that the Arabs do not have a peace plan and do not think of peace.

The minister expressed confidence that the Fez summit conference would be resumed

before the end of the current year. He added that the Arab cannot hope to achieve any success without mutual accord and renunciation of differences.

Khalifa commended the establishment of the GCC, and described it as the "most significant Arab event of this age." He said it could even be considered as the most important Gulf event since independence in the early seventies. The GCC aims at realizing cooperation among the states of the region, he said, adding that it does not depend on sentiments as much as it does on realities in all political, economic and military fields.

On the possibility of the GCC mediating between Iraq and Iran, Khalifa said the normalization of relations between the two countries is a national and fundamental objective of the council. "We have made efforts and shall continue to do so to heal any Arab rift, especially the Syrian-Iraqi difference, in view of its direct impact on regional events," the minister added.

Khalifa urged Iran to give up interfering in the affairs of its neighbors, and reiterated his country's belief in good-neighborliness. The minister hoped that the tension now prevailing in the region would end soon, so that the region becomes free from tussles.



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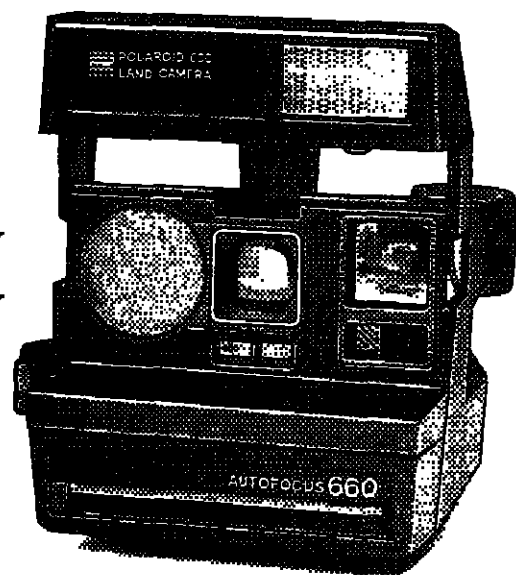
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Qaboos-Mubarak talks to cover Arab relations

CAIRO, May 8 (Agencies) — Sultan Qaboos of Oman arrived here Saturday on a four-day official visit which is welcomed here as an opportunity for President Hosni Mubarak to assess relations with the Arab world two weeks after recovering Sinai from Israel.

He welcomed at the airport, to the sound of a 21-gun salute, by President Hosni Mubarak and Prime Minister Fuad Mubarek. Sultan Qaboos is one of only three Arab leaders to have maintained relations with Egypt after the Camp David peace agreement with Israel. The other are Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre and Sudan's Jafar Numeiri, with whom Mubarak held brief talks in Khartoum two days ago.

Al-Ahram quoted "a responsible official source" as listing Arab solidarity as one of four main topics of the talks between Mubarak and Qaboos. Other topics were the Middle East situation in general, developments in Arab states along the Gulf and ways of restoring stability and security in the Middle East. Qaboos told Mubarak at the airport that the return of the Sinai was a step toward global peace, "which will guarantee for our

Arab nation the return of all Arab lands, occupied Jerusalem and Palestinian rights," the official Egyptian news agency reported.

Mubarak and Qaboos rode in a motorcade to Kubbah Palace, where the Omani leader will be staying.

Qaboos' visit follows his meetings in Oman with King Hussein of Jordan and Moroccan Prime Minister Maati Bouabaid and other officials from Arab countries. Hussein and King Hassan II of Morocco congratulated Egypt on the return of Sinai.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said in an interview published in Amman Saturday that his country would continue to work for the Arab cause.

In the interview in Cairo with the Amman daily newspaper *Al-Dustour*, Ali was quoted as saying that "because Egypt is loyal to its national commitments and its historic role, it will continue to work for the Arab cause, and go on with its efforts to achieve Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which will pave the way for the restoration of Palestinian rights."

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — Iraqi Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan presided at the opening in the Iraqi capital Baghdad Saturday of the ninth session of the U.N. Economic Commission for Western Asia, the Iraqi News Agency monitored here reported.

ATHENS, (AFP) — Greece's relations with Arab and African countries will be at the center of talks during Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu's four-day visit to Algeria which starts Monday.

NEW YORK, (AP) — The United Nations ambassador to Turkey and the Turkish con-

sul general are receiving round-the-clock police protection following the assassination of a Turkish official near Boston earlier this week.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — A leading Pakistani theologian, Asrar Ahmad, has resigned from President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq's advisory council.

KARACHI, (AP) — At least 15 persons were killed and several injured Friday when a truck cracked into a passenger bus near Sukkur town, 480 kms north of Karachi.

Libya threat to Islam, Numeiri says

RIYADH, May 8 (SPA) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri in an interview published Saturday described Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi as Sudan's arch enemy, and said the Libyan danger to Sudan was part of Soviet plots against Islam and Muslims everywhere.

He also told *Al-Madinah* and *Okaz* newspapers that he was in favor of an Arab summit conference attended by Egypt, which he described as an inseparable part of the Arab homeland. Sudan has repeatedly accused Libya of carrying out subversive activities in the country with the aim of toppling the Numeiri government.

The Sudanese leader said the present rulers in Libya were Sudan's enemy number one. Qaddafi has been doing his utmost to distort Sudan's image using Libyan-financed information media both within and outside the country to create confusion in the Sudan, he added.

Numeiri wanted Arab information media should "fight Qaddafi and his propaganda." He affirmed that "the Soviet danger using Qaddafi as a cover is not aimed at Sudanese territory but at national unity in Sudan." He warned against "this Libyan danger which represents a circle in the chain of Soviet imperialist plots against Islam and Muslims everywhere, especially in Asia and Africa."

The Sudanese president also hoped that the planned Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit would not take place in Tripoli. "Even if the summit were held in the Libyan capital, it will be a dead and weak conference and no one will be able to take any decision because the participants will have no authority to do so," he said.

Mediterranean conference urges dismantling of bases

ALGIERS, May 8 (AFP) — A Mediterranean conference of some 30 leftwing political parties and organizations ended four days of lengthy and arduous discussions here Friday with a call to the region's peoples to condemn "imperialism's strategic redeployment in the Middle East and the Maghreb" (the western part of Arab North Africa).

It urged greater mobilization of Mediterranean peoples so as to create conditions for the dismantling of bases, the withdrawal of foreign intervention forces and fleets, and the banning of the storage and transit of nuclear weapons.

The meeting condemned Israeli annexation and expansion in occupied Arab territories, from which it urged complete Israeli withdrawal. But the conference refrained from commenting on the Camp David peace agree-

ment between Israel and Egypt, at the request in particular of the delegate of France's ruling Socialist Party.

It reaffirmed respect for legitimate Palestinian rights, including self-determination and an independent state, on national territory, with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Despite reservations voiced by a representative of Morocco's Socialist People's Party, the conference called for support for "the people of Western Sahara in their just combat for the free exercise of their right to self-determination and independence". It said efforts to open direct negotiations between Morocco and the Polisario Liberation Front should be backed.

In government book

Turkish torture cases listed

ANKARA, May 8 (R) — Turkish military authorities Friday published a major review of security in the country since the 1980 military coup, including details of accusations of torture.

Figures set out in a book called *The State of Anarchy and Terror in Turkey*, compiled by the Turkish chiefs of staff, were carried by the semi-official Anatolian news agency. The book said that between the coup Sept. 12, 1980 and April 28, this year, 37 cases of alleged torture in Turkish jails had been brought to court.

It added that 283 torture allegations were still being investigated. 125 cases had been

dropped and eight trials had been completed, though it did not give the verdicts. In March, the military government admitted that 15 persons had been tortured to death in Turkish jails since the coup after the London-based human rights group Amnesty International put the figure at more than 70.

The book said torture was being stopped. "The regime absolutely does not approve of torture, nor does it tolerate it," it said. It added that before the coup, when up to 25 persons were being killed daily in political violence, Turkey was embroiled in fighting throughout the country. In such circumstances, it asked, when had torture ever been prevented?

One battalion in Chad pulled out by Nigeria

LAGOS, May 8 (R) — Nigeria has withdrawn one of its three battalions serving with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) peacekeeping force in Chad, the newsagency of Nigeria has reported.

It quoted Defense Minister Akanbi Oni-angi as saying Thursday that the troops had been recalled "as a matter of policy." The report did not elaborate on the minister's remarks to reporters at Ilorin, 260 kms north-east of Lagos. Diplomatic sources in Lagos said it seemed increasingly likely that Nigeria would withdraw its remaining two battalions when the OAU force's mandate ran out at the end of June. They said Nigeria seemed to see no progress toward ending fighting between President Goukouni Oueddei and rebel forces led by former Defense Minister Hissane Habre.

Dacca tribunal acquits ex-deputy premier

DACCA, May 8 (AFP) — Bangladesh's former Deputy Prime Minister Jamaluddin Ahmad, facing trial for the third time in a martial law tribunal, was Saturday unanimously acquitted on charges of corruption and misuse of power while he was industries minister.

However, in two judgments recently under the martial law regulations, which carry a possible death penalty, he was sentenced to seven years' hard labor and a fine of \$50,000 and to a day of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of \$17,500.

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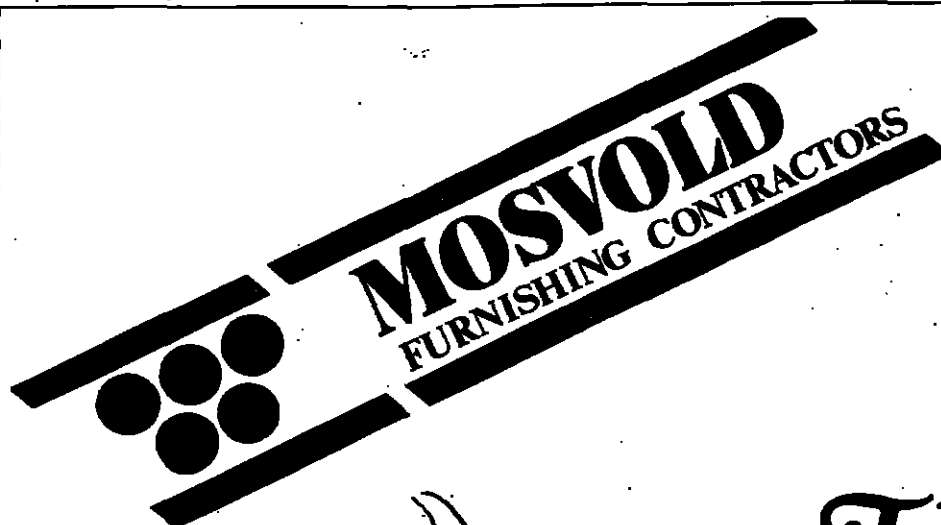
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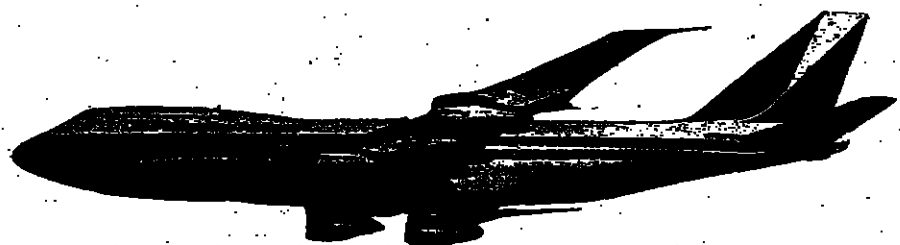
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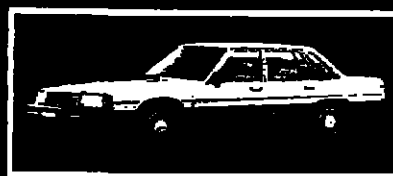


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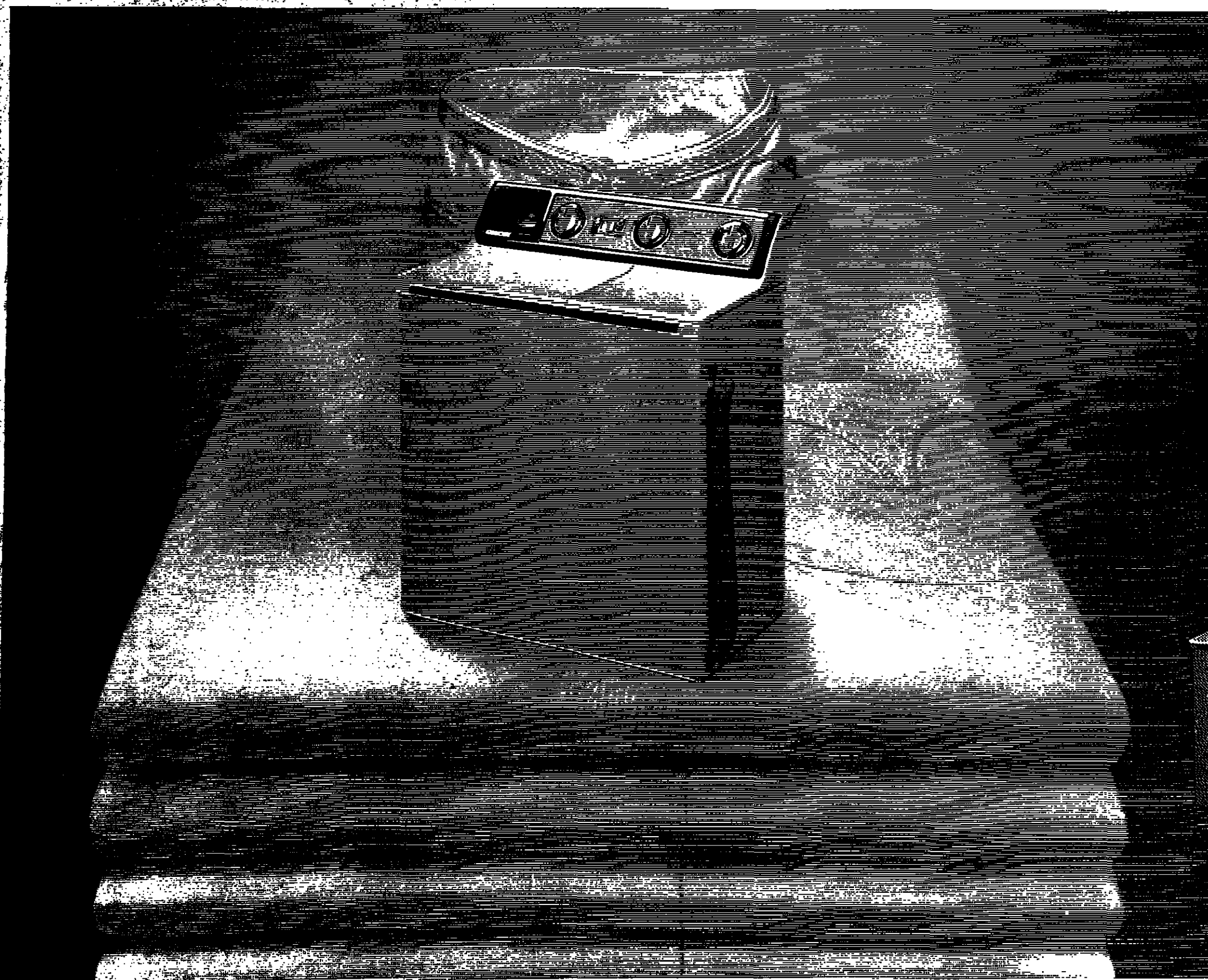
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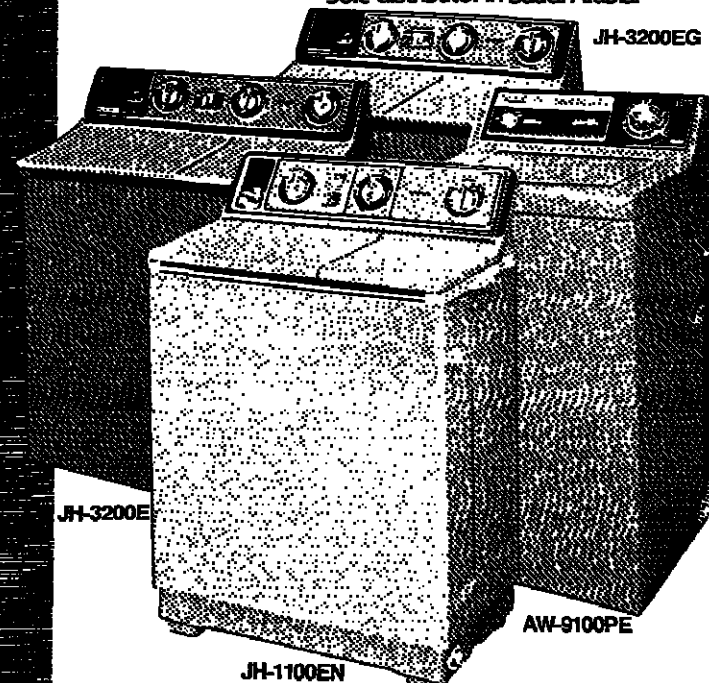
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EGYPT AND THE ARABS

Egyptian President Mubarak was recently in Khartoum. Sultan Qaboos of Oman is currently visiting Cairo. King Hussein of Jordan said recently that Iraq had invited Egypt to the Nonaligned Conference in Baghdad next September. Egyptian newspapers are making their appearance again in some Arab capitals, and some Arab airlines are resuming their services to Cairo. Egypt is known to have been helping Iraq with arms recently, while King Hussein has already expressed hope that "normal relations" between Egypt and the Arab world will soon be restored.

These signs from many Arab countries which want Egypt back in the Arab fold have been reciprocated by Cairo. Mubarak wants to open a new page in inter-Arab relations. If there are some Arab governments which still want resumed relations with Egypt to be conditional upon severance of relations with Israel, there are others, formerly no less insistent on this point, who now want to start a dialogue on the Middle East situation following the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

All these signs of impending dramatic changes on the inter-Arab scene prompt many questions on the part of Arab citizens — questions regarding the underlying strategic assumptions of those regimes and governments which are in the process of revising their stand on Egypt.

For it is only when enlightened public opinion is informed fully on the issues that the leadership can effect a fuller mobilization of national efforts toward the common aim.

Saudi Arabian press review

Saturday's newspapers welcomed the formation of a coordination panel by the Al-Quds (Jerusalem) Committee to draw up an integrated plan for carrying out combined efforts to confront the Zionist challenges and support the Palestinian resistance.

Commenting on the committee's meeting in Fez, Morocco, *Okaz* said the Islamic world's positive response to King Khalid's solidarity call last month indicated the "Arab and Islamic world's determination to counter the Israeli enemy's brutal practices in the occupied territories and recover usurped lands and the legitimate rights of the Palestinians."

The paper expressed hope the committee would hammer out a clear-cut strategy to defeat the enemy's attempts.

In another commentary, *Al-Madinah* called on Iraq and Iran to put an end to their hostilities and cautioned them against "the plots of big powers, seeking the destruction of the Islamic nation."

The paper lamented the shedding of Muslim blood and the prolongation of the war, which is causing great human and material losses. It said it was regrettable that despite the Islamic world's many peaceful attempts "the war between the two Islamic countries is still in full swing." (SPA)

Namibia peace plan hits snags

By Hawey Morris

LONDON —

Western countries are urgently seeking to avert a deadlock in efforts toward an independence settlement in Namibia (Southwest Africa). Western officials expressed disappointment at black nationalist rejection of latest proposals that were to have paved the way for independence of the South African-ruled territory by early 1983.

A five-member Western Contact Group — the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany — would be meeting soon to discuss their remaining options. Western diplomats said. The five are negotiating with South Africa, black African states and internal parties in Namibia on an acceptable independence formula for the territory.

The diplomats said the Contact Group wanted to maintain the momentum of negotiations for fear of seeking its five-year peace efforts stalemated. Latest Contact Group proposals hinged on a complex polling system, combining direct balloting for individual candidates with proportional representation.

The guerrilla-backed Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) and its allies in the black Africa "front-line" states this week rejected the formula after alleging it would favor parties representing the territory's 70,000 white settlers. SWAPO and its allies also objected to transitional powers granted under the proposals to South Africa, which rules the former Germany colony in violation of United Nations resolutions.

The nationalist movement has fought a 16-year bush war against South African forces, a conflict the Contact Group hoped to bring to an end this year.

The electoral proposals form part of phase one of the group's step-by-step approach to a settlement. Agreement was to have been followed by negotiations on stage two — the role of a U.N. force in supervising the independence process. Western diplomats said the Contact Group was alarmed that SWAPO, having rejected the phase one proposals, was now calling for a new international conference on Namibia.

They noted that an earlier conference in Geneva in January last year ended in failure when South Africa rejected as premature a U.N. timetable for independence. South Africa has agreed, in principle, to grant independence to the territory but has sought guarantee for the white minority.

The South African-backed, multiracial Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA), which runs the interim government in Namibia, alleges that SWAPO is afraid to contest a free election and plans, instead, to monopolize power in a one-party state.

South Africa and the DTA also oppose the backing SWAPO receives from the United Nations, which regards the guerrilla-backed movement as the sole and authentic representative of the one million Namibian people. Faced with conflicting views on its proposals the Western Contact Group will be reviewing its options at an early meeting of senior officials in Paris, probably next week. Western diplomats said.

"The important thing now is to regain the momentum," one diplomat said. The diplomats said the Contact Group may decide to bypass the problems surrounding the electoral process and go straight on to phase two of the independence process.

Officials from Contact Group states regard phase two, discussion of the U.N. role in the process as potentially even more difficult than phase one. Another option would be to draw up yet another electoral plan in the hope it would be acceptable to all parties, the diplomats said.

But one diplomat commented: "We thought the mixed voting system would be fair and we were at pains to show how it would work. We are disappointed this latest proposal has been rejected." South Africa and the DTA accepted the Contact Group's original constitutional proposals but without SWAPO agreement they cannot be adopted.

DTA leader Dirk Mudge, at a press conference in London this week, accused SWAPO and the front-line states of standing in the way of a peaceful settlement by rejecting the Western proposals. The front-line states include Zambia, whose President Kenneth Kaunda met South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha last week for a rare meeting between a black African leader and an official of the white-ruled state.

The talks centered on Namibia. Four days later Zambia gave its support to SWAPO's rejection of the Contact Group proposals. SWAPO accused the Contact Group of trying to pressure it into making further concessions to South Africa.

SWAPO leader Sam Nujoma said in Dar Es Salaam after a meeting of the front-line states: "We have been bombarded with lies and the insistence of the Western Contact Group...that we should accept the so-called one-man-one-vote, one vote counts twice (proposal)."

He added: "We want a clear-cut electoral system in a country where a large number of people are illiterate and have never voted before. (R)

Letter to the editor

Dental care

Dear Sir,

It is heartening to observe the fact that the younger generation of this great Kingdom is well guided to become the responsible citizens of tomorrow. Viewing the children's performance in TV programs, one gets the feeling that the educational system not only takes care of the academic standards but also recognizes the latent potential talents of each child.

However, I wish to raise a matter relating to the social health of this younger generation. A common observation reveals the truth that a majority of the children suffer from dental deficiency. This may be attributed to the excessive consumption of ice products and cool drinks which harm the gums and teeth.

Besides the governmental efforts in health assistance, parents and teachers should immediately take personal efforts in educating the children on the need for dental care and TV can play an important role in such health educational programs.

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ARAB NEWS - JEDDAH

France plus socialism equal growing gloom

By Jeffrey Ulbrich

PARIS —

One year after sweeping into power on promises of reduced unemployment and greater social equality, President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist government is faced with the harsh reality of persistent negative figures and growing gloom. If Mitterrand has fulfilled his pledge to lead France with "quiet strength," he also has fulfilled one of the dire predictions of the defeated conservatives — that the Socialists quickly would "empty the coffers" of the state.

The Socialists are struggling to pull the French economy out of recession in an atmosphere of world economic crisis and trying to resolve problems that are not all of their own making.

When Mitterrand presides at next month's economic summit of the seven major Western industrial nations, his basic message will be that American interest rates must come down, that international currency exchange rates must be stabilized, and that Japan must open its markets more to the West.

But on the home front, all of the major economic indicators of the past year — industrial output, inflation, trade, unemployment and the French franc — have deteriorated. And the outlook for the rest of 1982 is not bright.

After Mitterrand's election May 10 last year, and the subsequent legislative elections in June that gave the left absolute power, the Socialists launched an immediate campaign of reform.

The major remaining private banks, nine major industrial groups and two investment houses were nationalized, the minimum wage was raised 24.7 percent, old-age allocations were upped 40 percent, housing allowances increased by 50 percent, the work week was lowered from 40 to 39 hours with a fifth week of paid vacation added, retirement age

was reduced from 65 to 60 and 54,000 public service jobs were created, among other things.

Non-economic changes included abolition of the death penalty and the state security court, the beginning of an effort to decentralize the French bureaucracy, easing the state monopoly on radio broadcasting and spurring scientific research.

All of this has been accompanied by higher taxes, increased social charges on companies and burgeoning budget deficits. It was not succeeded in getting the economy moving ahead or perceptibly improving the lot of the average Frenchman.

French industrialists expect a 7 percent drop in the volume of investments this year, that on the heels of a 10 percent drop in 1981. Inflation at 14.1 percent shows no sign of abating. Hourly wages soared 16.4 percent last year. The accumulated trade deficit for the first quarter of 1982 was 36.2 billion francs (\$6 billion) three times the 12 billion franc (\$2 billion) shortfall for the same period a year ago.

The government's 1982 budget deficit, originally set at an historic high of 95.4 billion francs (\$15.9 billion) is now widely expected to reach 120 billion francs (\$20 billion), largely because of an overly optimistic assumption of a 3.3 percent growth in economic activity this year.

Most observers agree that economic growth is likely to be somewhere between 2 and 2.5 percent, meaning less than expected tax revenue for the treasury.

The French franc also has fallen from a rate of 5.35 francs to the dollar a year ago to over six francs to the dollar. The social security system, the national health program, is teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. And the big issue, unemployment, shows no signs of improvement, with about 9 percent of the work force out of a job, compared with 7.5 percent at this time last year.

Not only are France's volatile unions starting to make unhappy noises over the unemployment situation and the declining purchasing power, but Mitterrand faces disgruntled elements within his own Socialist Party who want even more spending measures and wider nationalizations.

Public opinion polls reflect a mixed feeling about the government's action to date. A survey in April conducted by the weekly journal *Du Dimanche* indicated 44 percent of those questioned had a negative impression of Mitterrand's first year, while 39 percent said they were pleased.

Another poll, published in early May by the Bordeaux daily *Sud-Ouest* showed 50 percent said their attitude toward the president was "generally positive," while 37 percent were "generally negative." Both polls, however, indicated a decline in popularity.

There were worrying signs in the voting booth as well. The Socialists lost four by-elections earlier this year for seats in the national assembly. (AP)

Mintoff Vs. constitutional crisis

By Godfrey Grima

VALLETTA —

Secret talks are taking place between Malta's Socialist Prime Minister Dom Mintoff and opposition leader Dr. Eddie Fenech Adami in an attempt to end the island's prolonged constitutional crisis. Some progress is reported to have been made, with Mintoff apparently prepared to consider calling a new general election before his five-year term of office expires.

The crisis began after last December's general election, when Mintoff's ruling Labor Party won a three-seat majority in parliament, although polling 4,000 votes less than the rival Nationalist Party.

Last week the crisis deepened when the House of Representatives speaker, Dr. Daniel Micallef, expelled all 31 Nationalist MPs from parliament because they had deliberately absented themselves. He quoted a standing order which says MPs should not be away from parliament for more than two months. Then he declared the Nationalist seats vacant and asked the president to issue writs for by-elections.

The Nationalists claim the government engineered its majority in the House of Representatives by

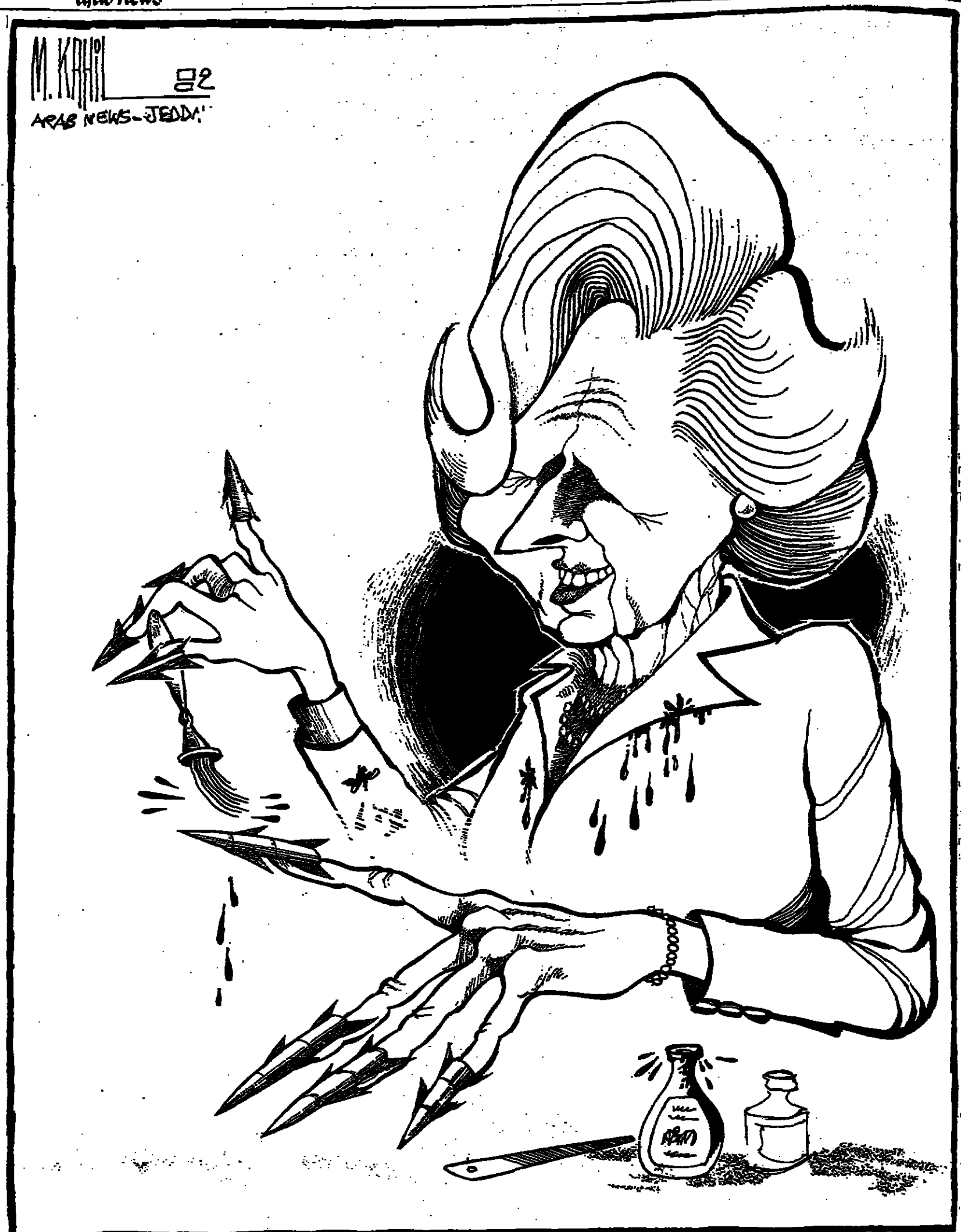
the gerrymandering of electoral boundaries. Dr. Fenech Adami says: "No party that wins 51 percent of the vote can sit on the opposition benches while the party that gains less votes governs."

To pressurize Mintoff into calling an early general election, the Nationalists have been stepping up their campaign of non-cooperation with the government, including staying away from Parliamentary sittings.

For Malta's wobbly economy the dispute could not have come at a worse time. Investment is at a standstill, exports are falling and Malta's once-blossoming tourist industry has suffered a hefty drop in tourist arrivals. Factory orders are down and unemployment is claimed to have climbed to 12,000 in a workforce of 116,000.

To offset the loss of Western markets, Mintoff has recently stepped up relations with East European countries, North Korea and Iraq, although no economic advantages have yet appeared. An 18-month dispute with Libya was also recently patched up in an attempt to regain Libyan markets.

Complaining of a constant erosion of democracy for the past 10 years, Adami's Nationalists are unlikely to give up their struggle for fresh elections as early as possible. (ONS)



TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, May 9th the 129th day of 1982. There are 236 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1502 — Christopher Columbus sets out from Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and last voyage to the new world.

1573 — Henry, Duke of Anjou, is elected king of Poland.

1688 — Roman Emperor Leopold I signs treaty with Transylvania by which Turkish suzerainty is removed, and Transylvania becomes a province of the king of Hungary.

1788 — Britain passes parliamentary motion for abolishing the slave trade.

1926 — U.S. Navy Commander Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett become first men to make airplane flight over North Pole.

1933 — In Berlin, Germany, 25,000 books are thrown into bonfire in first of Nazi book-burnings.

1936 — Italy annexes Ethiopia, and King Victor Emmanuel is proclaimed emperor.

1944 — Soviet forces take Prague, Czechoslovakia, in World War II.

1955 — West Germany admitted as member of NATO.

1961 — Ali Amini, new premier of Iran, dissolves parliament and bans political meetings.

1968 — U.S. and North Vietnam peace negotiations assemble in Paris for preliminary Vietnam peace talks.

1976 — New earthquakes hit northeastern Italy, bringing known death toll to 753.

1978 — Bullet-riddled body of Italy's former Prime Minister Aldo Moro is found in parked car in central Rome, 54 days after his abduction.

Thought for today:

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important — John Ruskin, English writer-art critic (1819-1900).

مَدِينَةُ الْمَدِينَةِ

Ethnic restaurants abound

A wealth of good, inexpensive food available when dining out in Alkhobar

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

ALKHOBAR — Too many people think that eating out means eating expensively. "It isn't necessarily so," at least not in downtown Alkhobar. If you remember "the test of the pudding is in the eating," and refuse to be scared off by strange names on menus and tatty decor, you'll find a wealth of good eating.

Five years ago in Alkhobar, you could number the restaurants on the fingers of one hand. If you wanted to eat well, there was little option but to go to a hotel restaurant. Today you can enjoy a whole week of ethnic eats, spending each evening at a different restaurant and getting a taste of the lands east of Aden on a gastronomic whirl.

Such a week brings two happy surprises for the adventurous gourmet: it's easy on both the wallet and the waistline. And the primitive austerity of these restaurant kitchens where there is not a microwave or food processor in sight can give the housewife some food for thought: perhaps gastronomy doesn't need fancy hardware after all.

Start the week Saturday in thrifty style at the Thai Restaurant (*Nudpobe* or meeting-place as they say in Thai). The 38 items on the pink English and Thai menu run the gamut from serpent fish soup to Suky Yaky Thai style, cuttlefish with basil and chili, to deep fried mackerel seasoned with pounded peppers. A word to the wise: Beware those little green peppers — they pack a lethal wallop.

"It's delicious and it's cheap," says a Chinese manager who regularly brings his engineers for a SR10 lunch of noodles. Supper for three cost SR80. The clientele is cosmopolitan with more Philipinos than Thais and a scattering of Westerners at the dozen tables. Next month the restaurant will open an upstairs gallery with another exit tables.

The premises are "third-world cheerful" with Thai music upon request; blue formica-topped tables, and friendly waiters in blue jeans. Cooks scamper about the woks and pots in the tiny kitchen. In the morning they shell the shrimp, snip and chop vegetables and meat, but every dish is freshly cooked; "from pan to customer" is their motto. The Thai restaurant is on the extension of King Khaled Street, directly south of the fountain past the new library.

If you're in that neighborhood Sunday and in the mood for a tasty curry, head to the Galaxy Restaurant, just around the corner. Their Chicken Tikka Masala is boneless chicken pieces in a pleasantly bland sauce; the Shrimp Biryani has almost as much shrimp as cardamom-flavored rice. The portions are large; the appetizer Masala dosa, for example, is a foot-long Indian crepe stuffed with onions, green chilies, and potatoes. The pooris (bread circle) were greasy, and the lassi on the menu (a yogurt drink) unobtainable, but for SR60 for two it was pleasant to be served by South Indian waiters in saffron jackets, and wipe your lips on heavy linen saffron napkins. Best of all, someone else does the washing up.

By Monday it's time to move further east across the ethnic gastronomic map to Green Belt. Alkhobar's first Filipino restaurant, it serves pizzas and hamburgers as well as *Kare Kare*. Although the word sounds like *harikari*, this Filipino specialty has nothing to do with exotic forms of suicide. Instead it is a concoction of oxtripe, oxtail, eggplant, and string beans in a peanut sauce. Most Westerners pass it up in favor of the noodle dishes *Pansit Canton* and *Pansit Bihon*. These sautéed noodles flavored with cabbage, chicken,

(beware the shattered bits of chicken bone), celery and spring onions are tasty value at SR10 and SR12.

Green Belt is a good place for the hearty eater to go for brunch. Instead of toast and cornflakes, try a he-man's breakfast of long-anza (ground beef), beef tapa (marinated beef) or Daing Na Bangus (milkfish) all served with garlic-fried rice. The restaurant is a clean, well-lighted place. Pink silk roses sprout from green and yellow formica tables. Still lifes hang on the walls of this excellent and unpretentious restaurant on Emir Sultan Street, a few blocks west of King Khaled Street.

Tuesday, walk two doors down from Green Belt to Bayouni Express which expanded from a coffee shop to a restaurant a month ago. Its coffee remains delicious: It's one of the few places you can count on getting cappuccino. The design of the premises is brash and chic. The European-style pastries are chewy, but west of Sumatra, where else can you find Indonesian food but here?

Rist-tafel will soon be served every Thursday, promised manager Ramon Estrella. In the meantime, he recommends such Indonesian specialties as Jado-Jado, a green salad with peanut sauce; julai kambing or curried mutton; nasi goreng; and barbecued meat with sate sauce.

Wednesday and it's time for a splurge to celebrate the arrival of the weekend by dining in style at the Arirang Restaurant on Dhahran Road. You walk down the green-carpeted stairs in the Alghatani Building, past the stone grotto and waterfall, and just beyond the Korean gift shop with its leather jackets, cloisonne vases, and dolls in Korean national dress, you'll find a spot at one of the 29 tables.

The Arirang offers Korean, Japanese, and Chinese dishes on its six page menu. Two Japanese cooks prepare such delicacies as bean mash soup and the sliced raw fish called Sashimi; the Korean staff serve up Bulgoki or barbecued beef with the inevitable Kimchi or Korean cabbage pickle, and brew Korean ginseng tea; the Chinese chefs meanwhile are concocting tasty nibbles like fried shrimp with asparagus for SR30.



THAI KITCHEN: One of the cooks prepares to dish out one of the specialties of the house.

The Arirang is a restaurant of ethnic integrity: there is little concession to the Westerner's sweet tooth. Fruit cocktail and ice cream are their only desserts. It's an excellent place to take special guests: tell the waiter in advance how many are in your party, whisper "Special Formal Meal" in his ear (these cost SR300 to SR500 depending on the number of guests) and seven or eight dishes will appear. No need for guests to guess just what to order or worry about the sizeable dent on the host's wallet.

Everybody loves Thursday night, and where better to top off a week of good eating than at the Shangri-La Chinese Restaurant. Under the genial management of John K.T. Sun, this has deservedly become the best known of all the eastern restaurants in Alkhobar. Here you can enjoy Szechuan specialties at reasonable prices. Americans and Europeans flock here for the spring rolls and the sweet and sour everything; Koreans and Philipinos order the spicy Kung Pao (beef or shrimp with hot peppers). The Shangri-La is a bustling place with waiters scurrying through the swing doors to the kitchen and the few Chinese (there are only about 500 altogether in the Eastern Province) clicking their chopsticks under the scarlet, green and gold ceiling where lucky dragons and phoenixes frolic.

You might begin with spring rolls and fried wonton. Proceed to soup — both the abalone and the chicken soup with corn are delicious. Then you're ready for the gingery hot beef with garlic, the chicken with cashews, and the giant prawns in hot sauce. For desert try the ice cream with fried bananas or the *lungan*, the Chinese for dragon eyes. Don't let the name put you off. They're fresh and cool and a pleasant contrast to the Szechuan-style cooking which can be as hot as it is delicious.

The Shangri-La is a chain which began in Jeddah 11 years ago. The Alkhobar branch which opened eight years ago is located on the ground floor of the Alkhaja Hotel, about four blocks west of King Khaled Street.

Friday and it's home sweet home. This is one day the ethnic restaurants of Khobar are crowded, and in any case, as we all know, the old jingle is true: East, west, home is best!



ALKHOBAR RESTAURANTS: Left, a photo of four of the patrons at the Shangri-La and right, the Thai Restaurant.

Children forget how to say please, thank you

Chinese lament loss of courtesy; social order, self-discipline lacking

By Michael Parks

PEKING (LAT) — The asparagus was flying between Yu Yi-fang and the vegetable clerk at the Xijiekou Market in northern Peking. Grandmother Yu had carefully picked out her asparagus stalks because the vegetables, greenhouse-grown, were expensive. The clerk was insisting that she also take some thicker, rougher stalks and some that were clearly rotten.

"No, I don't want them," Yu told the woman. "They are no good."

"Listen, you old fool," the clerk replied. "you take what we give you, and if you don't like it, go elsewhere. Who asked you to buy here? Now get out of the way."

The increasingly testy exchange continued until Yu threw down the money for the asparagus and called the clerk a name at which the clerk exploded with a string of obscenities and threw the asparagus in Yu's face.

"What have we come to?" another Xijiekou resident asked. "Every day, marketing is like this. And not just marketing, but going to the store or to the cinema or taking a bus. Everything is a battle, as if we were at war with each other. How did we become such a spiteful, hateful people?"

Snarling, angry voices do seem to predominate in stores and other public places. Ordinary conversations are filled with vulgarities and obscenities, and "please," "thank-you" and "excuse me" have all but disappeared from everyday usage.

Social order and self-discipline as a whole also seem to have degenerated in China, pushing and shoving are routine, and street corner scuffles are nearly as common. Lines formed at bus stops or stores frequently turn into scrambles, with every man for himself as one or two persons jump the line. Rowdiness is an increasing problem at sports events, and Chinese actors complain about catcalls and booing during performances.

A cotton mill worker in Xian, one of China's ancient capitals, said in a letter to the local paper, "one encounters daily new examples of what can only be termed barbarity, and it is affecting us all."

The Chinese leadership shares this concern.

"Selfishness has become pervasive," a Communist Party Central Committee official

told a recent meeting here, "and it reflects a serious degree of alienation among the people, of estrangement of members of society from each other. Is this not how the collapse of a society begins?"

For China, which has one of the world's oldest cultures and has so long taken pride in its civility, this social pathology has become a serious concern, and the country's top political leaders have begun to focus on it.

A month-long national campaign for "decorum and courtesy" was undertaken by the party and government during March, with Premier Zhao Ziyang declaring that the modernization of the country must not come at the cost of its traditions of courtesy and mutual respect.

"I call on all people throughout the country to participate in the activities to improve decorum and courtesy ... to change the appearance of our cities by doing away with the phenomena of dirty environment, disorder and rudeness," Zhao said in a nationwide radio and television address.

"When people in both urban and rural areas pay attention to hygiene, decorum and courtesy, they will be able to improve their health, shape themselves up, consolidate public order, strengthen their unity and mutual help, reduce disorder, raise working efficiency and improve the general mood of society."

The initial steps have been lessons in politeness for schoolchildren (teachers reported that some pupils actually did not know the words please and thank-you) and training in courtesy and customer service for shop clerks and other personnel.

Peking and some other cities put new traffic regulations into force, requiring pedestrians to stick to crosswalks, drivers to yield to them and limiting horn-blowing. Government and party leaders led cleanup campaigns in most localities and neighborhood groups were mobilized to deal with litter.

The impact of those efforts is difficult to predict, but most Chinese tend to dismiss them as just another short-lived program that will be forgotten when some other campaign begins.

Communist Party propagandists took the occasion of the campaign to criticize the disgraced radicals who led China during the Cultural Revolution of 1966 to 1976, blaming

them for the widespread discourtesy and social insensitivity.

Under the direction of late chairman Mao Tse-tung, the radicals urged people to "eradicate old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits." Personal relationships should be marked by "revolutionary frankness," because traditional politeness, the radicals argued, reflected China's long feudal past and the previous servility of peasants and workers.

"Due to the 10 years of rampage, the morals and general mood of society declined," a commentator wrote in the provincial newspaper *Zhenjiang* daily, "and for a long time our traditions of gentleness, elegance and humility were virtually destroyed."

What is necessary now, the commentator continued, is "creation of a social climate in which it is a point of honor to be gentle, refined and humble," and to get rid of the crude, rough, barbaric, uncivilized practices that now characterize everyday life.

More is involved than just routine politeness, and the pervasive discourtesy is increasingly seen as reflecting a deeper social malaise, a dehumanizing selfishness.

In Peking last winter, an 8-year-old girl plunged through thin ice on a suburban pond, but no one on shore would go to her rescue as she struggled. Finally, a young soldier broke through the watching crowd and pulled her to safety. One of the youths who had stood watching said later, "The water was cold. Let someone else be the hero."

Malaysia bans six face creams

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — Malaysia has banned the sale and distribution of six types of Hong Kong and Taiwan-made face creams. They are Toreru Pearl Cream, Toreru Bamboo Brand, Suning Face Cream, U.F. Cream, Fair Check Pearl Cream and Beanne Extra.

Announcing the ban, a health ministry statement said the creams could cause harmful reactions. The ministry has ordered all dealers in these products to surrender their stocks.

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Keeping abreast of the West

Japan, China emphasize role of development

By Paul Icamina

MANILA (Depthnews) — Japan's success and Communist China's continuing struggle perhaps best portray the diversity and complexity of science and technology in Asia and the Pacific today.

Manufactured goods account for 97 percent of Japan's total exports today, leading the world in the export of TV sets, calculating and accounting machines, cars and ships — a remarkable success after the ruins of a world war. China is still reeling under the purges of the Cultural Revolution — lack of scientists and trained personnel and a dislocated scientific community assigned to do rural work.

But both countries have, under vastly different circumstances, what developing countries in the region do not possess: a scientific and technological base strong enough to support industrial development.

Japan's industrial road started around 1868, the year of the Meiji restoration, when the technology of the West was introduced into Japan with great zeal. Illiteracy, even at that time, was very low and most Japanese had basic knowledge of arithmetic and mathematics. Western science was studied at Japanese universities without preference to its applicability as long as fundamental science was learned. Thus, Western science and technology was absorbed within a short period.

When Japan started its efforts, the United Kingdom and the United States had only gone through with the first industrial revolution and Japan was able to catch up and keep abreast of the industrially-advanced West. By 1969, it was next only to the U.S. and the Soviet Union as the world's richest nation.

There were some 575,000 Japanese in 1979 engaged in research and development in universities, industries and research institutes. Six out of 10 were in engineering, followed by those in science (30 percent). Three-fourths of the researchers were involved in machinery, ship-building and aviation, electricity, communication and chemistry. About 64 percent of graduate students — some 34,000 students — were in science and technology.

China, of course, has a long tradition of science and technology, tragically disrupted by institutionalized feudalism and Western colonialism. Even at the height of its Maoist revolution, the purges made in the scientific community and in universities have had far-reaching consequences on its socialist path to development.

From 1966 to 1976, many scientists and technicians were persecuted, their trainings seriously disrupted and damaged. Scientists and students were uprooted from their laboratories and classes and assigned to rural areas.

Except for some achievements in some individual studies, scientific research was basically stagnant. Heavier losses were suffered in the training of qualified personnel — a problem which still persists today.

The backbone of China's current scientific and technological work are more than two million graduates turned out from 1949-79, as well as 4.3 million scientists and technicians. In the past 30 years, from virtually nothing in 1949, China has several industries — from steel to food processing, from electronics to petrochemicals. Agriculture — 70 percent of the total industrial and agricultural output in 1949 — was in a low 30 percent by 1979, while light and heavy industries constituted 30 and 31 percent, respectively.

In 1979, there were 4.7 million scientists and technicians in China, supported by 600 institutions of higher learning with a total enrollment of 1,020,000 students. By this time, it had trade relations with 130 countries, exporting agricultural products and its side-products and light industry products — two thirds of total exports. While selling part of its petroleum, mining products and manufactured goods, it also imported factory and mining equipment, steel, iron, fertilizer and grain. The approaches to industrial development made by China and Japan are as varied

as the climate, land and politics of both countries.

China is a planned socialist economy, while Japan has a vigorous free enterprise fueled with much enthusiasm from the private sector. China claims more than 5,000 islands while Japan is composed of four main islands. China is huge — 9.6 million square kilometers — while Japan's population of 117 million in 1980 was squeezed, 312 people to a square kilometer. The climate in Japan is defined into four seasons, while China has deserts, tropical jungles, temperate and frigid climates. China is composed of 56 nationalities with their own languages while Japan is composed largely of a single race speaking one language and sharing the same culture.

In China, so long as research projects have been approved by appropriate national local bodies, funding is assured. It is usually located at national and local levels. Besides expenditures made by universities, factories and other enterprises, China spent 5,333 million yuan (\$2.9 billion) in 1978, the states spending about 1.8 percent of the gross national income (about 4.8 percent of total government expenses in that year).

Japan's research expenditure in 1979 was about 4,600 billion yen (\$20.4 billion) or 2.05 percent of its national income. Much of the expenditures was spent by industrial firms (58 percent), followed by universities (28 percent) and research institutes (14 percent). The government provided 30 percent, while the private sector gave 70 percent, of the total expenses made that year — the trend over the past 10 years.

There were about 15,000 private enterprises in 1979 with a capital over 3 million yen (\$13,300). About 90 percent of those with capital over 10 billion yen conducted research and development with more than half of small and medium-sized enterprises with capital between 100 million and 1 billion yen (\$445,500 and \$4.5 million) carrying out their own programs. Emphasis is placed on developing new products, new production methods and improvements of production techniques.

The sluggish international economy of the '70s, limited land, environmental pollution and scarcity of natural resources are forcing Japan to build on what it calls a "knowledge intensive" industry. Major emphasis in the future will be made on energy sources, space development, marine resources, health care, and even developing the technology of forecasting earthquakes and volcanic activities. As Japan relies heavily on imports (99.8 percent of its oil is imported), it plans to double its efforts in developing substitute resources. In 1978, 16 percent of its research expenses in natural science were made on energy research, including nuclear energy (66 percent against 7 percent for energy-saving studies).

Another Look

The making of a compassionate president

"The White House, led by President Ronald Reagan, is mounting a concerted counteroffensive designed to dispel a growing impression that Administration policies are unfair to poor and needy Americans... His staff is actively seeking what an aide calls 'people events,' like the president's appearance in flood — damaged Fort Wayne, Ind., last week." — *Washington Post*

"Presidential aides are concerned about polls indicating that he has lost ground among moderate white Republicans... Advisors are now considering ways for Reagan to show compassion for the problems of the poor and minorities. One possibility is a visit to a coal mine..." — *Newsweek*

By Robert Youham

The president (I learned from a notoriously unreliable source) called in three Hollywood writers he'd known in the old days, explained his concern over the compassion problem, said he wasn't pleased with the efforts of his staff, and asked them to come up with ways to improve his image.

"As I understand it," Ben says, "we're supposed to create events. We don't get into speech writing."

"Right," Al says. "We make Ron baby look like a modern day saint, which gives me an idea. What about pets? A guy who is seen regularly scratching a dog's ears is gonna be perceived as kindhearted."

"That's tasty," Mel says. "I'll write down pets."

"One of Ron's problems," says Ben "is that people think he's stingy. He says that charity ought to take up the slack when government programs are cut, but then the whole country learns that he and Nancy give peanuts. Like maybe one percent."

"So," says Al, "maybe they ought to start ten percent tithing, like Carter did."

"Look where it got Carter," says Mel. "But I can't think of anything better so I'll write it down. It's not boffo, but it's bankable."

"How about having Ron visit a coal mine?" suggests Ben. "He could wear

overalls and a miner's hat, go down the shaft to get dirties up a bit, and then surface to give a press conference about the lousy conditions below."

"Great! That'll fly!" Al exclaims. "Except maybe he ought to hold the press conference in the mine. That way he can also shaft the press."

"The pun's puny, but the idea's blockbuster," Mel says. "I'll write it down."

"Maybe Nancy ought to go into the mine with him," Ben adds. "She could make like Eleanor Roosevelt."

"And Liberace could make like Abe Lincoln," Al replies. "Nancy's a problem. She doesn't come on exactly like Little Orphan Annie. She looks, acts, and talks megabucks."

Maybe she could be buying dresses off the rack at a local store while Ron's down that pit," Ben says. "It's a great photo opportunity."

"That's the angle!" Mel says. "I'll write it down."

"Our biggest problem is his life style," Ben says. "It isn't Versailles under Louis the Fourteenth, but it isn't the Little House on the Prairie, either. The poorest guy at their bashes could buy out a dozen body-and-fenders writers like us and have enough left over for a yacht basin with yachts."

"Jerry Zipkin alone is enough to turn off the peasants," Al says. "Rings on his pinkies, bells on his Guccis, and fur on his Blass. Looks like some of the guys we work for. He's got to go."

"OK," Mel says. "I'll write it down. Zap Zipkin."

"Ron and Nancy ought to include poor people in their functions," Ben says, "but they don't know any poor people, except maybe maids."

"How about a spectacle? Al asks. "Like an annual Poor People's Ball? Then they can't say the Reagans only entertain the rich. You'd have to be truly needy to get invited."

"Fantastic!" Ben exclaims. "And tell 'em don't forget the cripples!"

"I'll write it down," says Mel.

Sunday May 9: What's the matter with daddy

MANAGING OSTEOPOROSIS

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

Steinrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I'm not a doctor or a nurse but I've read about the basics of osteoporosis. The reason I'm interested in this condition is my fear of getting a fractured hip. And I know that the fragile bone in osteoporosis is the common cause of this type of fracture in the elderly.

I'm 73 and frail. My doctor says X rays show I have osteoporosis. But all he tells me is to be careful when I walk so I won't stumble and hurt myself. I use a cane.

But this doesn't give me comfort. I'm still scared. Especially so because all he will give me is aspirin. When I ask him about calcium or other medicine he passes it off as unimportant.

I keep thinking of my mother who died of pneumonia after being in bed with a fractured hip due to osteoporosis. Is it any wonder I'm scared? Isn't there more to do than take aspirin? — Mrs. F.

Dear Mrs. F.: I can't treat you from way back here. I think you'll agree I'd only be guessing. But I can suggest that you ask for consultation or change doctors.

There's more to do than take aspirin for osteoporosis. Some doctors believe that if you take too much calcium you're liable to have attacks of kidney colic. Others won't prescribe fluorides because they don't believe they're helpful. And still others are too anxious about prescribing estrogens because of possible cancer complications in the uterus or breasts.

Yet, with proper management by the doctor, these drugs can be helpful. According to some recent studies, the conclusion is that calcium, fluorides and estrogens probably are the best combination for treatment of osteoporosis. A second opinion may relieve your anxiety, Mrs. F.

MEDICALETES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: What if I told you that I am the perfect patient with one exception: I can't give up my addiction to smoking at least a pack and a half a day.

Even after 20 years of marriage my wife calls me an angel. I have no other bad habits. At 40 I seem to be in fine shape physically and emotionally. What would you say? — Mr. R.

Dear Mr. R.: I'd say you're an angel with frayed wings. As blameless as you are otherwise, that pack and a half, day after day, will do you in long before a nice fellow like you deserves to be shuffled off. The answer is quit.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I fight my obesity my own way. You may not agree it's the best. I eat and drink like a horse for five days a week. Comes the weekend and all I have is water. Nothing to eat at all. Somehow this regimen keeps my weight down close to normal. What do you think? — Mrs. W.

Dear Mrs. W.: There are thousands of variations which patients attempt to keep their weight respectable. Some fast on Sundays; others every other day, etc.

For the most part, such self-imposed restrictions aren't too harmful (unlike self-restricted dieting for a week or two without food or liquids — which can be quite harmful).

Personally, I wouldn't recommend weekend starvation. I'm sure that your stomach, liver, brain, heart, resent it.

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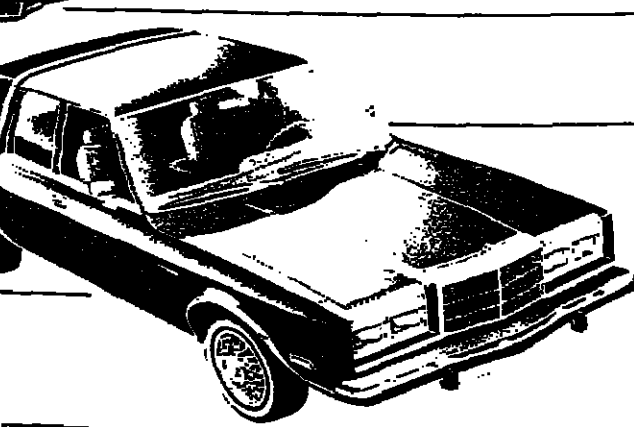
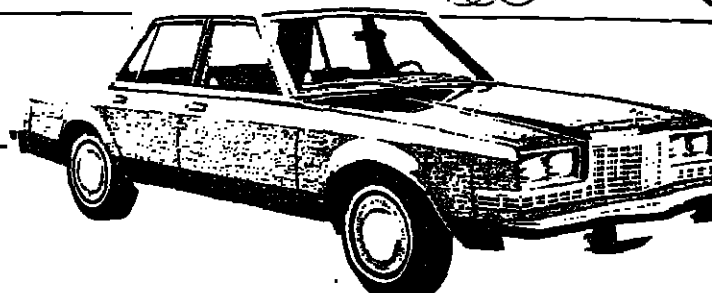
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Japan official casts slur on nation's will to defend, stirs row

TOKYO, May 8 (AFP) — Political leaders here have lashed out bitterly at defense chief Soichiro Ito for accusing the Japanese of lacking a sense of civic responsibility and the will to defend their nation.

Speaking to a group of businessmen on Thursday Ito declared that "the people consider the country, the cabinet and the government as no more than an object to extort from and spunge off". He added that there was "no awareness that the country is something all of us must join hands to build up and keep in existence," and complained of "the loss of a respectable willingness on the part of the people to defend our own country."

Saturday's newspapers, playing the story as a budding scandal, carried banner headlines on the remarks by Ito, head of the National Defense Agency, and the reactions they have stirred. Among them, the Socialist and

5 Irish troops hurt in ambush

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland, May 8 (AP) — Five soldiers of the Ulster Defense Regiment were wounded, one seriously, in two separate ambushes by guerrillas in Northern Ireland early Saturday, police reported.

A fireman and a civilian woman were wounded when a bomb exploded in Londonderry, a police spokesman said. He reported the bomb, apparently intended for security forces, detonated after police were lured into the area by a hoax call about another bomb.

Another bomb was defused by a British Army expert in Strabane on the border with the Irish Republic. Police said a young Roman Catholic set himself alight as he was about to throw a gasoline bomb at a police in Londonderry's bogside quarter.

No terrorist group has so far claimed responsibility for the attacks. But police sources blamed the provisional Irish Republican Army and its Marxist splinter faction, the Irish National Liberation Army.

Philippines judicial crisis unsolved

MANILA, May 8 (AFP) — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Saturday failed to resolve a judicial crisis following the resignation of all supreme court judges over a recent bar examinations scandal.

In a two-hour meeting with 13 former supreme court judges, Marcos decided to call for another meeting with the same group as well as with the judges who resigned "to uphold the integrity of the supreme court."

Twelve supreme court judges — two others are out of the country at present — resigned earlier this week following a month-long con-

Communist opposition parties accused him of insulting the Japanese people and called for his dismissal.

Friday night Ito back-pedaled fast, saying he had not explained himself very well, while government spokesman Kiichi Miyazawa regretted that Ito had expressed himself in such "inappropriate" terms.

Ito's statements were part of the great defense debate which has gripped Japan in recent years. Japan's constitution forbids the country to go to war or to maintain a real army. Japan depends for protection partly on its "self-defense force" but mainly on the U.S. nuclear umbrella.

The United States, however, is pushing Japan, whose defense budget is less than one percent of its gross national product, to increase its military capabilities and to assume a larger responsibility for "the defense of the free world."

In Japan there is a lively controversy between those who want to go along with the United States and perhaps even take a step further, and those who prefer to maintain the status quo. Certain opposition circles suspect the government of slowly but surely preparing public opinion for changes in defense policy and for constitutional amendments.

In what may or may not be coincidental timing, a commission of the ruling Liberal Party produced a preliminary plan for the revision of Article 9 of the constitution, which is precisely the one renouncing war. The plan proposes keeping that part of the article which stipulates that "the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or the use of force as a means of settling international disputes."

It proposes, however, to delete the second part of the article which states that "land, sea and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained" and "the right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized."

The Liberal Party Commission justified the proposed revision by explaining that any state recognizes the right of belligerency founded on the right of legitimate defense.

trovercy over the role of five judges in helping to raise the grade of a colleague's son in bar examinations.

The scandal prompted Justice Ameurina Melencio Herrera, the only woman on the supreme court bench, to resign her chairmanship of the bar examinations committee.

Several legal groups demanded the resignation of the supreme court justices as soon as the bar examinations scandal was exposed. But it was only early this week, more than a month after the controversy became public, that the government announced the resignations.

Socialite gets 30 years Judge fears Von Bulow may flee U.S.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, May 8 (R) — A judge has said he expected Danish-born socialite Claus Von Bulow to flee the country after being sentenced to 30 years in jail for trying to kill his heirless wife with insulin. But Judge Thomas Needham said that under Rhode Island law he had no choice but to continue Von Bulow's bail pending appeal.

"He knows that I know that he is not going to reappear to serve his sentence," the judge told Reuters. He said that he expected Von Bulow, 55, former close aide of oil magnate J. Paul Getty, to jump bail "the day the (Rhode Island) Supreme Court denies his appeal. But whatever I feel, I can't overrule the law."

The judge sentenced Von Bulow Friday to the maximum 30 years' jail for the second of two attempts to murder his wife Martha, 50,

with insulin injections; and 10 years for the first attempt one year earlier. Judge Needham previously expressed fears in open court that Von Bulow would flee the country and had raised his bail accordingly.

Judge Needham ordered the sentences to run consecutively and he doubled the bail to \$100,000 in cash. The prosecution pleaded with the judge to revoke bail, saying that as a Danish citizen Von Bulow would find it "too attractive to resist" fleeing to Copenhagen.

Von Bulow showed no expression as the sentence was passed. His 15-year-old daughter, Cosima, sat at his side. Cosima sat beside her father with the same aloof impassivity that Von Bulow displayed throughout his two-month trial.

Her mother, a heiress worth \$75 million,

has been, for at least 17 months, in a coma from which doctors say she will never recover and which the jury decided was caused by Von Bulow. His step-children testified against him. His motive, according to the prosecution, was his share in her fortune and his love for a 36-year-old former actress, Alexandra Isles.

Von Bulow surrendered his passport last July. He has been quoted as saying he would commit suicide rather than go to the state penitentiary, a jail condemned by a judge as unfit for human habitation.

Last week, Von Bulow denied having said he would kill himself to avoid jail. Granting leave to appeal, Judge Needham said he was bound to grant Von Bulow bail while appeal to the Rhode Island Supreme Court was prepared.

Britain evolves new method for test-tube babies

LONDON, May 8 (Agencies) — A London hospital said it was trying a new method of producing test-tube babies which could eliminate most of the ethical problems raised by the medical advance. Professor Ian Craft, head of the test-tube baby team at the Royal Free Hospital, said his version involved inserting the egg straight into the womb within an hour of being fertilized.

Writing in Saturday's edition of the weekly *Lancet* medical journal, he said incubation would take place in the womb and most of the moral issues raised by keeping human embryos in the laboratory for 48 hours would be eliminated.

Professor Craft's method was a simplification of the technique invented by Patrick Steptoe and Dr. Robert Edwards and could open the way for infertile women to become pregnant free of charge under Britain's national health service instead of in an expensive private clinic.

Under the Steptoe-Edwards system, the egg is fertilized by the sperm in a glass laboratory dish — the "test tube." The embryo is then re-implanted in the uterus two days later to begin normal pregnancy.

Altogether, some 30 births have taken place under the Steptoe-Edwards methods since July 25, 1978, when Louise Brown, the world's first test-tube baby, was born. The new technique is not as successful as its conventional counterpart. Of 31 women tested, only two became pregnant, said Craft, a success rate of just 7 percent compared with 20 percent at the Steptoe-Edwards private clinic outside Cambridge.

2 more Soviets assault Everest

KATMANDU, May 8 (AFP) — Two more Soviet climbers, Kazbek Valiev, 30, engineer of the Seismology Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and V.N. Krischaty, 31, geologist, both of Kazakh, successfully scaled Mount Everest early Saturday morning, the Nepalese Ministry of Tourism announced.

These two Soviet climbers left their fifth and final high altitude camp at 8,500 meters Friday at 1700 hours for the peak and reached the summit at 0150 hours Saturday.

The wind velocity at the time was 40 meters per second, the announcement said. They spent only 10 minutes on the world's tallest peak before returning to Camp 5, it said.

South Korean, Japanese and Soviet expeditions have successfully scaled peaks in the Nepalese Himalayas, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry announced Friday.

A nine-member South Korean women's expedition conquered the 6,986-meter Lamjung Himal on May 6 through the southeastern ridge route without oxygen.

Japan's Ikuo Yoshita, 32, accompanied by two sherpa guides reached the summit of 7,010-meter Mount Kanguru on May 2. On May 3, another Japanese climber, Keiichi Sudo, 29, and one sherpa reached Kanguru through the same route.

Six Japanese and two Nepalese sherpa guides, also conquered the 7,922-meter Omi-kang Himal through the southeastern route in two groups on April 29 and May 1.

U.S. plane crash-lands

BODOE, Northern Norway, May 8 (AFP) — A U.S. Lockheed SR-71 spy plane made a forced landing at a Norwegian military air field here Friday owing to technical problems.

The plane was flying over international waters off the Norwegian coast when the pilot requested permission to land, authorities said. It was the third time in a year that planes of this type have made crash-landings in Norway owing to technical problems.

Police suspect Asian refugees Paris flooded with drug

PARIS, May 8 (AFP) — Street prices for heroin have slumped by half in parts of Paris and French police suspect an organization of Southeast Asian refugees is "dumping" huge quantities of the drug from the "golden triangle" to seize control of the French market.

Police said drug pushers from Southeast Asia have been found offering a gram of heroin at less than 600 francs (about \$100), while the usual rate is between 800 and 1,000 francs.

Also, a new variety of heroin, slightly pink in color and granulated in texture has appeared in the market. Police said the "pink" heroin was seized last week from a group of

Indian premier attacks Marxists

CALCUTTA, May 8 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said Friday that if the Marxist Communist Party, which heads a leftist coalition government in West Bengal, did not give up its "politics of murder," she will have to look for a constitutional remedy.

Addressing campaign meetings in West Bengal, where state elections are scheduled for May 19, Mrs. Gandhi said the Marxists are inciting "violence and political murders in the region." Several of her Congress Party activists have been slain, she said. "We have to find a solution to this problem," Mrs. Gandhi added.

The 64-year-old leader said "Marxist Party goons" are not allowing her supporters to hold campaign meetings in the eastern state, of which Calcutta is the capital. "I do not know what type of elections will be held if people are not allowed to vote. Many people are afraid that they will not be able to cast their vote," Mrs. Gandhi said.

She accused the Marxists of politicizing the state police force, misusing power to strengthen their party and "waging a war" against the central government.

Laotian and Cambodian refugees. This variety was first heard of last year in Malaysia but had never before been found in France.

Police said the drug was still being analyzed but it appeared to be made up of 90 percent pure heroin similar to the "snow" once produced by the so-called "French connection" network in Marseilles, southern France, and later in Sicily.

Since the beginning of this year a new heroin market has grown up in a southeastern district of Paris where an estimated 15,000 refugees from Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos have been resettled.

Until recently the sale of heroin was concentrated in the immigrant neighborhood of northeast Paris where most of the traffic is controlled by North Africans.

For the first time, police said there was proof that Asian traffickers were no longer confining themselves to smuggling the opium production of the so-called "golden triangle" — the world's biggest opium growing area at the junction of the Burmese, Thai and Laotian borders.

French police said they could not say with certainty whether heroin from the golden triangle was flooding the French markets and causing prices to fall. But whereas heroin from Thailand was formerly only found in small quantities generally smuggled in by European tourists, they said Paris had now become a regular staging post for "suicide" smugglers from Singapore and Hong Kong transiting through Amsterdam or Lisbon. Those who came through Lisbon were generally Asians from the Portuguese colony of Macao, police said.

In Paris, the last major police swoop involving Southeast Asian heroin was on Dec. 24, 1981 when police seized 10 kilograms of the drug and arrested nine Hong Kong Chinese. Medical experts here confirm that the number of drug addicts increased last year by 6.46 percent. They said addicts in the French capital apparently had no problem procuring their "fix."

BRIEFS

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Legal experts from 15 Afro-Asian countries, who met here for the last three days, have launched an Afro-Asian bar association with headquarters in New Delhi, it was disclosed Saturday.

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Two young inmates in Manchester's Strangeways Prison died and another was critically injured in a fire in their cell after they barricaded themselves in, prison authorities reported Saturday.

ATHENS, (AFP) — Some 10,000 Greek teachers Saturday called off a protest strike against the proposed nationalization of private education, after agreement on a special commission to study their problems. The teachers, all from private schools, are claiming the right to help shape the proposed nationalization bill, and to retain present salary and other benefits.

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Bombs exploded at two downtown Geneva banks late Friday, causing "considerable" material damage but injuring no one, police said Saturday. There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the bombings. Armenian ex-

emists took credit for the previous explosions which injured seven persons, one fatally.

RANGOON, (R) — A cyclone which hit southwest Burma earlier this week killed 11 persons, destroyed 7,000 houses and made 7,200 families homeless, the official Burmese News Agency said Friday.

ABBEVILLE, France (AFP) — A 59-year-old fish vendor Saturday killed himself by crashing his small private plane on a railroad track near this northwestern French town. Shortly after he took off from the airport here at the controls of his home-built Fournier RF 6B, Camille Deneux told the tower that he intended to commit suicide for "sentimental reasons."

BANGKOK, (AFP) The pro-Vietnamese Cambodian administration has for the first time expelled a well-known Western relief official citing security reasons. A Foreign Ministry statement, carried by the Cambodian news agency SPK, monitored here, said Jean Claudou, of the Geneva-based Ecumenical Council of Churches, was ordered to leave the country before May 12.

Police seize raider notes from press

JOHANNESBURG, May 8 (AP) — Police confiscated reporters' notebooks and documents about the South African National Intelligence Service (NIS) from three city newspapers, it was reported Saturday.

The *Rand Daily Mail* said police officers armed with search warrants Friday took items from the *Mail* and two Sunday newspapers, *Rapport* and *The Sunday Times*, following a complaint from the head of the intelligence service.

The material focused on Martin Dolinchek, a self-confessed intelligence agent awaiting trial in the Seychelles Islands on treason charges for his alleged role in the abortive Seychelles coup last November, the paper said. Articles last month focused on whether Dolinchek would turn state's evidence and testify about alleged South African involvement in the failed coup.

Brigadier Theo Scherman, head of the investigating unit, told newspaper officials that the warrants were issued under the Official Secrets Act based on a complaint by Neils Barnard, the director-general of the intelligence service. The material was to be forwarded to the provincial attorney general for a decision on whether to prosecute.

The government has said Dolinchek no longer was on the payroll at the time of the coup, but Dolinchek claims he was on a government mission. In a separate trial in South Africa, 43 mercenaries are facing charges of hijacking an Air-India jetliner to escape from the Seychelles when the coup plot went awry.

The *Mail* said it handed over the requested material, including two notebooks and a statement from Dolinchek smuggled to the newspaper from the Seychelles. At the Afrikaans-language *Rapport*, police entered the office of reporter Eddie Botha and seized two notebooks and a diary, and the squad also took material from the *Sunday Times* offices, the *Mail* reported.

2 new Insats being planned

NEW DELHI, May 8 (AFP) — India may have to launch three communication satellites in its Insat series, instead of two as earlier planned, because of the troubled progress of Insat 1A now in orbit, according to speculation here.

After Insat-1A, launched on April 10 from Cape Canaveral in the southern United States, preparations are under way to launch Insat-1B some time next year. The two satellites together were originally expected to last till the end of the current decade.

But the Indian Space Department now feels that Insat-1A, experiencing some difficulty, might last only two-and-a-half years, while Insat-1B would have a life of four to five years at the most even if all its systems worked well, the English-language daily *Indian Express* said Saturday.

This would necessitate the launching of Insat-1C in the second half of the 1980s, and the government had begun consideration of a tentative proposal for inclusion of Insat-1C during the sixth plan ending in 1986, it added. Insat-1A would have worked for four-and-a-half years if all its systems had worked perfectly, the paper said.

But the last-minute off-loading of five kgs of fuel before the launch and the subsequent firing of control thrusters to release the C-band antenna had depleted its fuel stock considerably.

Nothing that a jammed solar sail in Insat-1A threatened a further drain on fuel reserves, the paper said that if the sail could not be opened it was likely the satellite's life span might not be more than two years and a half. A reduced life span for the \$60 million Insat 1A would be a financial setback for India which could not afford a break in its satellite communications, the paper added.



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OECD states parley on export credit fails

PARIS, May 8 (R) — Talks among Western industrialized nations on how much other countries should pay for goods bought on credit collapsed in disagreement Saturday, delegates said.

Some said, however, that they believed compromise proposals put forward by Axel Wallen, chairman of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), that discussed interest rates on export credits, could be adopted later this month when individual governments must respond to his ideas.

The disagreement centers on conflicting views of the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC) over the extent of any increase and the countries against which it would apply and how soon it should be implemented.

The U.S. wants a sharp increase in interest rates because it believes that what amounts to a subsidy on foreign sales distorts trade patterns, while the EEC believes that any great rise would harm community industries already hit by recession.

Countries that buy on credit are in one of three categories with varying interest levels

and the U.S. had called for a rise of 1.5 percentage points on the rate charged to "relatively rich" countries, the top group which would include the Soviet Union. Some European countries wanted a rise of only one point, the delegates said.

They added that Wallen had suggested as a compromise a 1.25 point increase on the group's present rate of between 11 and 11.25 percent. The delegates said there was no dispute over his proposals to raise some countries, including the Soviet Union, East Germany and Czechoslovakia, from the intermediate to the relatively rich category on the basis of per capita income.

There was also basic agreement to raise other countries, including Brazil, South Korea, Mexico and Taiwan from the so-called relatively poor category to the intermediate sector.

Some Europeans had originally called for this to be done over two years, but that was rejected by other states at the conference called by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), delegates said.

Third World to establish cotton body

GENEVA, May 8 (R) — The Third World's 21 major cotton-growing countries have decided to form their own producers' association to promote the fiber on world markets, a group spokesman has said here.

The International Cotton Producers' Association (ICPA), which would focus on production and marketing, should be set up by late this year, Turkish diplomat Yaman Baskut told Reuters Friday.

Baskut is coordinator of the Izmir Group, whose 21 members produce two-thirds of all cotton exported from the developing world and account for a third of world exports. Cotton prices fell by a third last year due to bumper harvests and weak demand from the clothing industry in developed countries.

The group, which has been seeking an international cotton agreement with major consumer nations, sees the ICPA as a complement to international negotiations rather than a go-it-alone step implying a hardening stand, Baskut said.

An Izmir Group meeting in Kaduna, Nigeria, last month decided to form ICPA after talks with consumer states had failed to find ways to begin regulating the volatile world cotton market, Baskut said.

UAE to bolster fishing, farming

DUBAI, May 8 (WAM) — The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has allocated 80 million dirhams (\$22 million) for projects this year, the UAE daily *Gulf News* newspaper reported Saturday.

It said part of this amount will be spent to purchase machinery and equipment to be sold to farmers and fishermen at half their cost price.

Allocations for agricultural loans amount to dirhams 19 million. Of this sum dirhams 8.5 million is for the purchase of plastic greenhouses, dirhams 2.5 million for the purchase of insecticide spraying machines and dirhams 3 million for constructing fences.

Allocations for agricultural loans in 1981 amounted to dirhams .28 million and were lower this year because of the need to support fisheries projects by increasing allocations toward them.

Amounts allocated for loans for fisheries projects this year were dirhams 30 million compared to only dirhams 23 million last year. Of this sum dirhams 12 million is for the purchase of engines for fishing boats. The balance is for the purchase of boats, cranes, etc.

The ministry has allocated dirhams 21 million for the purchase of seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides.

Wall Street

Stock market rallies anew

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP) — The stock market's spring rally has resumed in recent days, revived by news of a proposal to resolve the long standing federal budget tangle.

Prices of both stocks and bonds spurred upward after President Reagan reached a compromise on Budget plan Wednesday with Republican legislators that won approval of the Senate Budget Committee.

Democrats in Congress criticized the plan and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said getting it through the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives is likely to be "a battle."

But investors responded to the news as a step toward resolution of a problem that have been regarded as a major obstacle to economic recovery and any substantial decline in interest rates.

Since mid-March, traders appear have been cashing their financial votes in favor of the changes for an improved economy in the months ahead.

Lee Idelman, director of research at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., put it recently, "if the market plays its traditional role as a leading indicator, the current rally may be pointing the way toward lower interest rates and a new cyclical upswing long before the politicians or the media get around to it."

In the past week, the Dow Jones average of

30 industrials rose 28.84 to a 3½-month high of 869.20.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.68 to 68.76, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 5.51 at 275.97. Big Board Volume averaged 59.75 million shares a day, against 53.41 million the week before.

Tangible evidence of an economic turnaround was still lacking as the week drew to a close. The Labor Department reported Friday that the unemployment rate jumped in April to a record post-war high of 9.4 percent. But the figures, which closely matched advance estimate on Wall Street, produced little adverse reaction among investors.

John W. Schulz at BMI Capital, an investment management firm, said market participants evidently believe there will be "some sort of recovery, if not before mid-year, then during the second half of 1982."

"As Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker recently pointed out, the transition from a prolonged, period of high inflation to a period of stable prices is 'painful,'" Schulz observed. "He said not say that the painful transition will be brief. It may, indeed, prove to be longer than investors seem to be expecting, perhaps mainly because the prospect of reduced inflation could retard the urge to spend among consumers and business firms alike."

U.S., Japan to develop solar energy

TOKYO, May 8 (AFP) — Japan and the United States have reached a basic agreement on research and development of solar energy, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said Saturday.

The agreement was concluded Friday between the agency of industrial science and technology and the U.S. Department of Energy, MITI said.

The new agreement covering solar heat, sunray generation and solar systems in general is part of an energy pact that the two governments signed in May, 1979, MITI officials said.

They said the two countries will set up a committee to facilitate an exchange of technology data, conduct seminars and joint research and swap delegations for development and utilization of solar energy. The two countries have also concluded an agreement on technological cooperation in geothermal energy development.

Japan currently has two solar energy test plants capable of producing 1,000 kilowatts each as part of the country's ambitious "sunshine" program aimed at developing alternative energy resources. The United States has built a 10,000 kilowatt solar energy plant in California.

Gulf tanker rates plummet

LONDON, May 8 (AFP) — Gulf states tanker rates eased sharply this week for the large supertankers owing to surplus tonnage, and congestion problems persisted for vessels committed to load in Iranian offshore ports.

The continuing conflict between Iran and Iraq was beginning to influence owners' decision to quit the zone as soon as possible, with part-cargoes often acceptable. At the same time, far less inquiry has been placed on the market for smaller-sized tonnage in comparison with the previous week.

Malaysia hopeful of striking ores

IPOH, Malaysia, May 8 (AFP) — Results of exploration for minerals along the central belt of peninsula Malaysia so far have been very encouraging, according to the geological survey headquarters here.

Available data indicate that the belt, lying parallel to and east of the main range, is particularly favorable for base metals such as lead, zinc and copper associated in some cases with gold and silver, said Bernama News Agency.

Minor amounts of antimony, tin and mercury have also been recorded, according to geological experts. The belt extends for several hundred kilometers from the Kelantan/Thai border to Johore.

But there was a slight improvement in demand out of west Africa, including a fixture for a Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC).

The European U.K. trades have also been busy, with somewhat better rates being paid, basically to the Americas. The Mediterranean remained quiet, with opportunities for owners to find employment somewhat lessened, and with far fewer charterers actively seeking tonnage.

The Caribbean presented an average weekly trading pattern with all sectors represented. The most interesting fixture was that of a VLCC of 260,000 tons accepting a partcargo of 230,000 tons to the Mediterranean.

In an unrelated development, three Panamanian-registered freighters under arrest in Singapore since last October will soon be auctioned, it was reported Saturday.

According to the *Straits Times*, the owner of the three vessels — *Sea Logs*, *Sim Lee* and *Fellow Wealth* — a Malaysian with shipping connections in Singapore, has disappeared.

The paper said the crew of *Sim Lee* and *Fellow Wealth* have left their ships, but 13 sailors of *Sea Logs* were staying put to collect their wages after the vessel is sold.

The freighters arrived here with cargoes bound for west Asian ports but they were placed under arrest following an order from the sheriff's office. Some \$2,000,000 worth of cargo is reportedly stored at godowns, pending claims from various parties.

Weekly commodities

Falklands crisis plays havoc with prices

LONDON, May 8 (AFP) — There was utter confusion on the commodity markets this week, with prices dancing this way and that as bewildering rumors concerning the Falklands crisis flooded into the city.

News of the destruction of the British Destroyer *Sheffield*, coming hard on the heels of the loss of the Argentine cruiser were accompanied by talk of a big naval battle in the South Atlantic, and further "heavy losses".

The later peace moves on the diplomatic front brought a sharp rise in sterling against the U.S. dollar and a general retreat of commodity buyers. Dealers appeared unwilling to commit themselves one way or the other, and trading tailed off in an atmosphere of "wait-and-see".

Prices tended to stabilize in front of the weekend after a short week caused by the May Day holiday, although the uncertainty continued.

The unrest in the Middle East, with heavy fighting reported between Iran and Iraq, and the growing tension in Poland had much less influence than usual.

Gold continued to fall, and silver slid to a three-week low. Among base metals, only

copper stayed ahead. With the undertone supported by production cutbacks, tin softened despite buffer stock support, while aluminum fell to its lowest for nearly eight months.

Rubber, usually a highly sensitive barometer of international feeling, fell back from its recent five-month highs.

Gold: Easier. A sharp initial fall Tuesday in line with the other world bullion markets, which had opened Monday, was later extended despite the weakness of the U.S. dollar and the growing possibility of lower interest rates in the United States.

On the gold sterling-priced futures market, prices moved in unison, although trading was noticeably quieter. Dealers took little notice of the fall in South Africa's first quarter production — (down to 5,110,800 ounces against 5,234,052 ounces a year ago).

Copper: Uncertain. Firm gains were made in early trading after news that Noranda's workers had struck. The strike stopped work at one of world's biggest refineries, with an annual output of 480,000 short tons.

The declaration of force majeure by the Canadian producer of its European deliveries kept sellers somewhat reserved

thereafter. Market stocks rose by 2,300 tons to 137,400 tons, the highest total since November 1979.

Tin: Depressed. Despite further buying support from the tin council's buffer stock manager and the steady tone in Penang, prices eased, gradually throughout the week. Stocks showed their first rise for six weeks — up 120 tons to 38,265 tons.

The failure of the tin council to agree quickly to allow the buffer stock manager extra credit facilities to continue his extensive price support operation was felt to have kept buyers sidelined. The council will meet again Friday next week.

Lead: Irregular. Early falls were regained following news that the Canadian producer Noranda was to shut a mine in Ontario. There was a further increase in stocks of 1,250 tons last week to 85,225 tons, the highest since March 1976. This large holding continued to weigh on sentiment, and the firmness was quickly lost in unison with other metals.

Zinc: Easier. The rise in U.S. producer prices, long expected, had little effect, but news of a closure of a U.S. mine for several weeks brought prices back from their worst. Stocks were down 175 tons to 60,375 tons.



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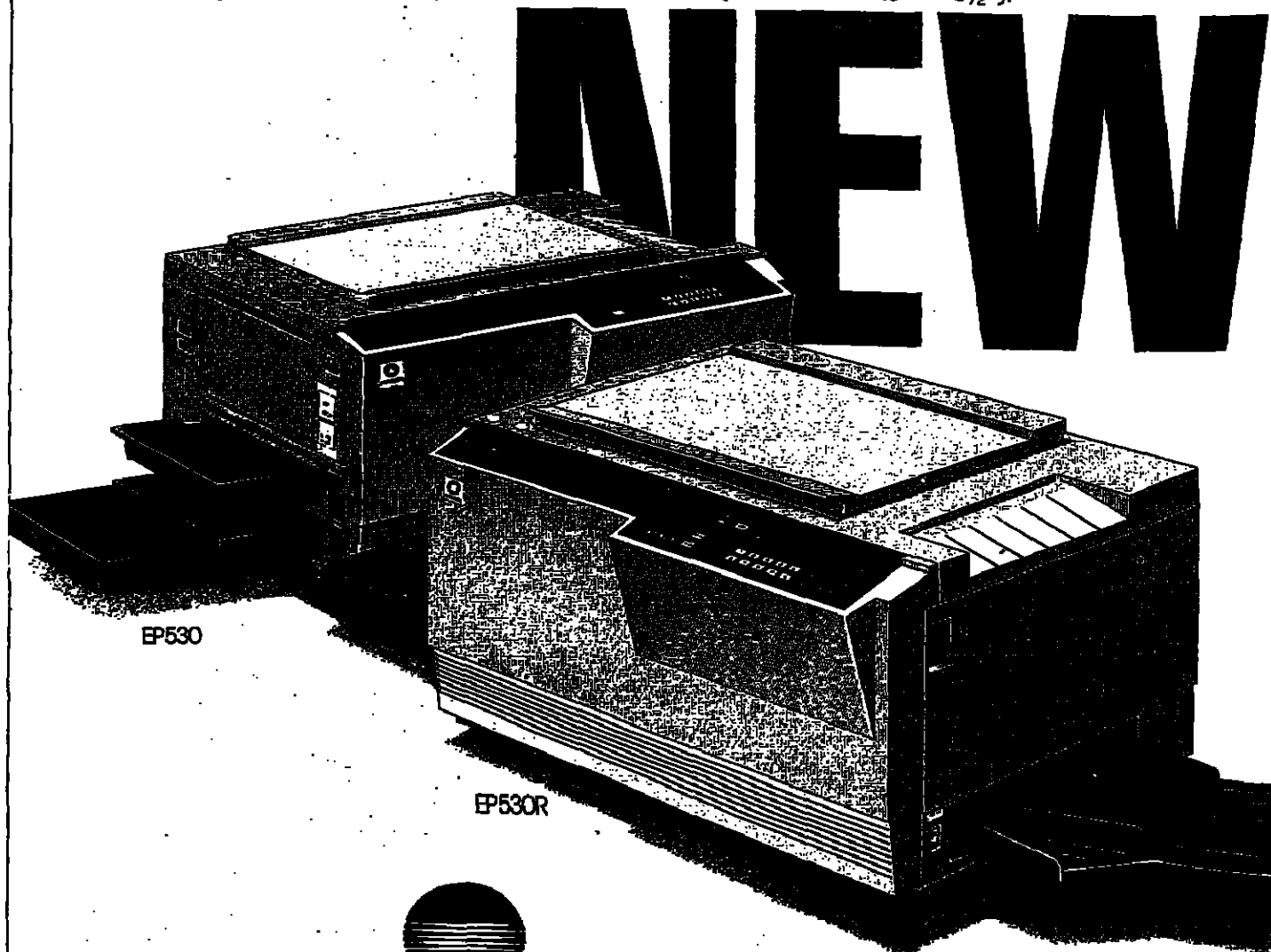
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With unemployment rising

'Reaganomics' comes under fire

WASHINGTON, May 8 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's economic program was under renewed attack Saturday as the U.S. unemployment rate stood at the highest level since the end of the Great Depression 41 years ago.

The rate, reported Friday, rose to 9.4 percent in April from nine percent in March, and many economists predicted it would hit or surpass 10 percent before the end of the year.

The Labor Department said 10.3 million people were out of work in April, a month when employment usually rises. The figures provided further evidence that the recession, which began last July, was continuing. Reagan and administration economists had predicted a recovery by now, but have revised their forecasts to "later in the year."

"Reagan's policies aren't just wrong, they're wicked," Wisconsin Democratic representative Henry Reuss said.

"The ones who are working are looking over the shoulders for next month's link (dismissal) slip," Massachusetts Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy said.

Reagan called the Democratic comments

"demagoguery". White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said: "We remain sensitive to the plight of the unemployed." The recession is attributed in large part to high interest rates, which are blamed on large federal budget deficits.

Reagan wants Congress to adopt his plan to cut the deficits, but Democrats say the budget reductions cut social programs too deeply. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan predicted in London that a sharp decline in interest rates before the end of the year would help start a recovery. Earlier in the week, he said a recovery might only be a mild one.

Administration officials said the president's policies had helped reduce the inflation rate drastically, but critics say inflation always goes down in a recession.

The unemployment among blacks was 18

3rd World problems viewed

HELSINKI, May 8 (AFP) — Third World nations began three days of consultations in this Finnish capital Saturday to work out joint positions ahead of talks on the world economic crisis here next week in key bodies of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

The whole range of economic and financial issues, including the bleak world economic

OECD imports of oil dip 13.4 %

PARIS, May 8 (AFP) — Oil consumption of the 24-member countries of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) dropped 6.5 percent last year and oil imports were down by 13.4 percent, the OECD has said here.

The Organization's experts attributed the consumption drop to 1,500 million tons to a slow-down in economic growth, greater efficiency in the use of energy, alternative power sources and to cuts in oil stocks.

The OECD countries cut the oil imports from 1,030 million tons to 900 million — including a 19.3 percent cutback in imports from Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to 708.3 million tons.

percent, almost twice as high as the national rate, while almost one-fourth of all teenagers who wanted jobs could not get them.

Unemployment has not been this high since 1941, when it reached 9.9 percent at the end of the depression.

The political problems are particularly acute for Republicans from states where the recession has hit car, housing and construction industries. Unemployment in car-making Michigan stood at 15 percent last month. The Labor Department also noted that nearly one of every five construction workers was out of work last month as high interest rates continued to deter Americans from buying homes.

The annual rate of new home construction has been less than one million units for eight straight months. During the 1970s, it was not uncommon for two million homes to be built each year.

outlook, high international interest rates, operating currency rates, the growing debt burden and financing problems of developing nations and the decline in flows, are to be examined Saturday and Sunday by experts of the "group of 24", the developing nations' caucus in the fund and the bank.

Finance ministers of the group will then meet to endorse a joint statement to be presented to the interim committee, the IMF's top policy-making body, and the joint IMF/World Bank development committee, which are to hold their semi-annual sessions here from next Wednesday through Friday.

Group of 24 ministers are bound to press the rich countries of the industrial world to step up efforts to get the world economy moving again. The recession in the industrial world has hit most developing countries as badly as the second "oil shock".

The recession in the West may have been aggravated and prolonged, according to many economists, by the restrictive policies adopted by many industrial countries to cope with the impact on the 170 percent rise in crude oil prices, has led to flagging demand for the main currency-earning export of most developing nations just when increased incomes were needed to meet the higher cost of energy.

Staff strike paralyzes Italy flights

ROME, May 8 (AP) — A 12-hour strike Saturday by airport firemen halted air traffic throughout Italy, government aviation authorities reported.

All scheduled domestic and international flights were canceled, but the firemen agreed to service emergency flights to and from remote islands, the authorities said.

The firemen were protesting against government moves to restructure the fire department and make it part of the armed services, according to union officials at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport.

Alitalia, the national carrier, said it would operate some international flights when the action ended at 1900 GMT Saturday night. Most foreign airlines canceled or diverted services until Sunday.

The firemen plan another strike May 13. For 24 hours starting at 9 p.m. (1900 GMT) Sunday, Italy's railroad workers planned to stage a nationwide strike to dramatize their demands for a new contract with increased wages and fringe benefits.

Malaysia raises oil production

KUALA LUMPUR, May 8 (AFP) — Malaysia's crude petroleum production has been raised to about 290,000 barrels a day since the beginning of the year despite the continuing glut in the supply of the commodity and the slide in prices, the national oil company Petronas confirmed Saturday.

Malaysia's output is about 11.5 percent higher than last year's average of 260,000 barrels a day and in line with the 1980 level. In the last four months, Petronas revised its selling prices twice — first Jan. 1 and then April 1. The adjustments led to the reduction of between 60 U.S. cents and \$2 per barrel.

Malaysian crude prices now range between \$35.10 and \$37.30 per barrel compared to between \$40.30 and \$42.10 at the beginning of last year, inclusive of a premium of \$1.50 per barrel which was then being charged.

Financial Roundup

Dollar closes on low note

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 8 — The dollar closed the week on a low note. Some major gains were recorded by the continental currencies and Eurodollar deposit rates continued to fall to take the one-month rate to below the 15 percent level. The release of the weekly U.S. money supply figures, which showed a fall of \$4.9 billion for the past week, helped precipitate the interest rate falls. The mood of the money markets was already on edge though, with reported budget deficit cut compromises with the American administration and dealers feared that the surge in interest rates that occurred when the size of the federal budget was first known would now turn to a sharp fall in rates.

The release of the latest U.S. unemployment figures for the month of April did not help interest rates to stabilize either — with a reported 9.4 percent U.S. unemployment rate, the highest since 1941. In human terms, this means that more than 10.3 million Americans are now out of work, with the trend rising as March figures showed a 9.0 percent unemployment rate.

The bullion markets had one of their quietest and nervous trading days yet, and prices closed at \$334.000 levels in New York on Friday night. Bullion dealers were still voicing pessimism over bullion price trends and pointed out that the Falklands issue with its hot-and-cold turn of events has left

the markets wary of moving in any significant direction.

On the local markets, Saturday saw rial deposit rates fall back further compared with Thursday levels. Dealing was extremely thin and erratic, with institutions preferring to settle transactions in the short-dated funds. The week-fixed deposit was quoted somewhat wide at 13 1/4 - 14 3/4 percent levels but some activity took place at 13 1/2 percent levels.

In the one-month JIBOR rate, the markets opened at 13 1/4 - 13 3/4 percent, but soon fell back to 13 1/4 - 13 3/4 percent. While the one-year tenor fell below first time since mid-January of this year, dealers were predicting more rate falls, especially when the European markets re-opened Monday. In the local exchanges, trading was quiet at 3.4295-05 levels with some deals struck at 3.4298 levels in small volumes.

On the closing New York exchange markets, the German mark made more recovery to trade at 2.2855, unaffected by the abolition of the Bundesbank special discount facility, while the French franc rose to 5.9550 from 5.9800 on Thursday. The British pound continued its remarkable strengthening over to close at 1.8350 levels — up some 3.5 cents over the week, despite the U.K.'s increase of its total exclusion zone in the Falklands to within 12 miles of the Argentinian coast. The Swiss franc was also stronger at 1.8820 while the Japanese yen was slightly weaker at 232.60 levels.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — France must aim at a gradual cutback of its budget deficit, Bank of France governor Renaud de La Geniere warned in the bank's annual report presented to French President Francois Mitterrand here. De La Geniere stressed that the deficit had just about reached its limit. He said it was expected to reach 100,000 million francs (about \$16.5 billion) this year following a 28 percent spending jump over 1981.

TOKYO (AFP) — The Japanese Mitsubishi Bank plans to conclude business tie-ups with local authorities in Communist China by this summer to further promote joint ventures, Mitsubishi officials said Saturday.

LONDON (AFP) — The first family car

specifically designed to save fuel will be launched by Dunlop here May 10, backed by a million-pound publicity campaign, a Dunlop spokesman said. Dunlop claimed that the new tire, with a revolutionary tread, will reduce resistance, provide optimum wet grip, resistance to aquaplaning and give excellent levels of handling and control.

MANILA (AFP) — Economic ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will hold a three-day conference here May 20-22 to act on projects recommended by various ASEAN working committees. Philippine foreign ministry sources said the meeting would not only be significant to the development of ASEAN, but would also have a major bearing on its future.

Tanzania feels the shoe pinch

NAIROBI, May 8 (AFP) — The Tanzanian Shoe Company Bora has suspended exports due to lack of raw materials and spare parts, radio Tanzania monitored here has reported.

Announcing the new measures, Bora's acting general manager Barnabas Njuga said that due to the inadequacy of raw materials, the company was now operating at a mere 25 percent capacity.

Njuga told the official Tanzanian news agency Shihata the materials had already been ordered from Japan, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Britain, Italy, West Germany and Hong Kong at a cost of \$2.05 million.

It had been exporting its shoes to Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda and Somalia prior to the suspension.

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Quoted at 8:10 p.m. Saturday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
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Bangladesh Taka			16.10
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Canadian Dollar			150.35
Deutsche Mark (100)	150.50		135.35
Dutch Guilder (100)	135.50		3.63
Egyptian Pound	3.25		93.50
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.30		57.70
French Franc (100)	57.85		55.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)	53.50		37.20
Indian Rupee (100)			
Iranian Rial (100)			
Israeli Lira (10,000)	27.30		27.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)			14.85
Jordanian Dinar	30.08		10.04
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.08		12.06
Lebanese Lira (100)	70.00		69.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.50		58.95
Pakistani Rupee (100)			29.95
Philippines Peso (100)			41.25
Pound Sterling	6.33		6.31
Omani Rial (100)	94.25		94.30
Singapore Dollar (100)			165.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)			33.85
Swiss Franc (100)	182.25		182.15
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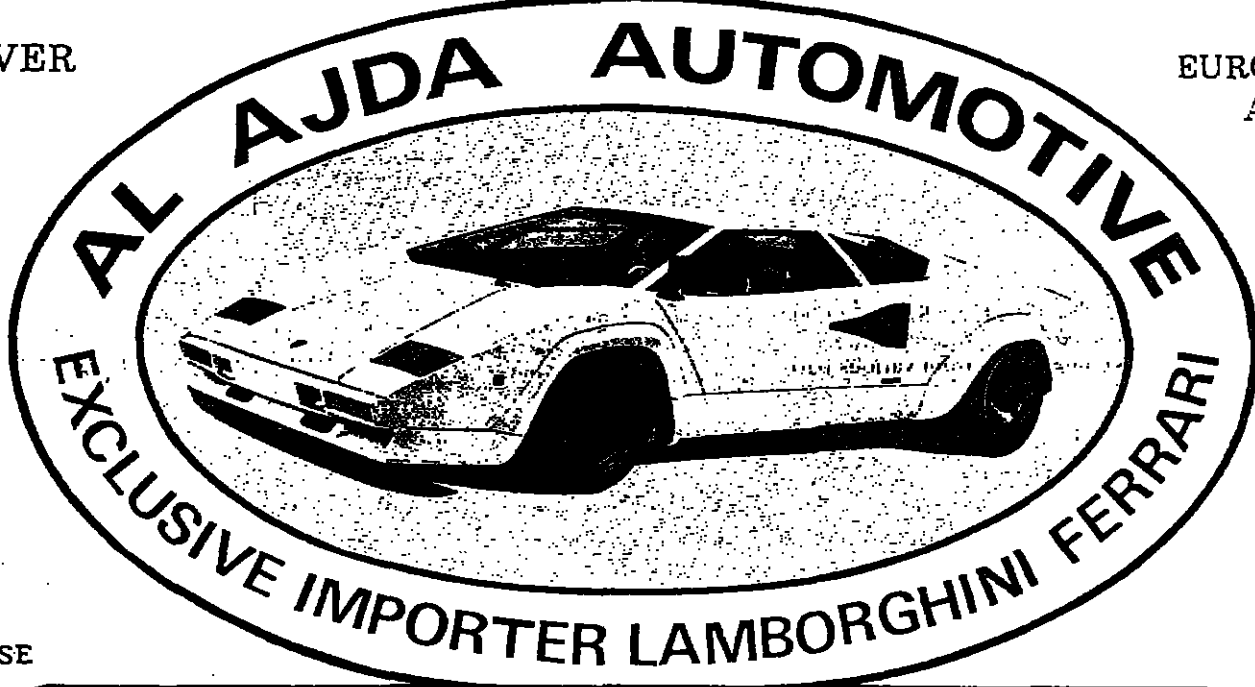
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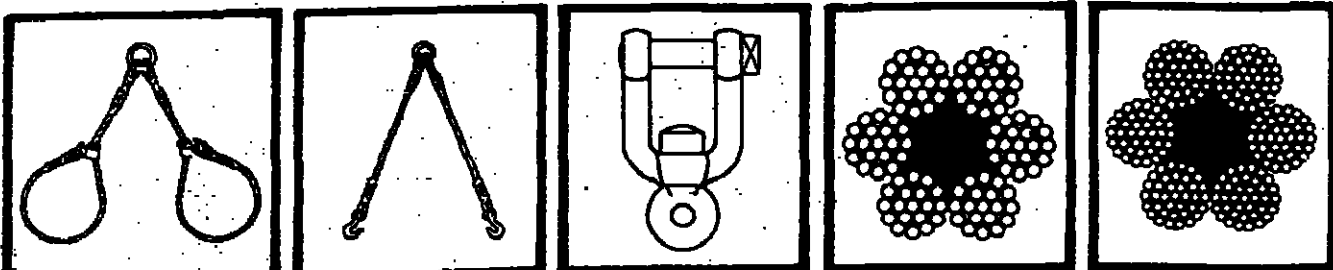
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Welch too chips in

Baker aids Dodgers
dodge past Expos

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP) — Dusty Baker knocked in four runs, two with his fourth home run of the season, and Bob Welch scattered seven hits to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 6-2 victory over the Montreal Expos Friday night.

Welch, 4-1, struck out three and walked one after failing to last the first inning against the Expos last Sunday. The only runs Welch allowed came on Gary Carter's fourth-inning sacrifice fly and Andre Dawson's homer in the ninth.

The Dodgers cuffed Montreal starter Steve Rogers, 4-3, for six hits and a 4-0 lead in the first three innings. The Expos' right-hander left after five innings, the first time in six starts he did not pitch into the ninth. Among the Dodgers hits was a leadoff homer in the second by slump-ridden Steve Garvey, his first of the season.

Elsewhere in the National League, Mike Schmidt's three-run homer with two out capped a four-run rally in the last of the ninth inning to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 5-2 victory over the San Diego Padres.

Mario Soto blanked Pittsburgh on five hits and Ron Oester hit a two-run double as the

Cincinnati Reds posted a 5-0 victory over the Pirates.

Dave Kingman capped a two-run first inning with his 10th homer of the year and rookie Wilson belted two hits and scored twice as the New York Mets defeated the San Francisco Giants 3-2.

Keith Moreland drove in seven runs with two homers and a single and pitcher Randy Martz doubled in three runs as the Chicago Cubs routed the Houston Astros 12-6 and stopped a four-game losing streak. Chris Hambliss drilled a three-run double with one out in the 10th inning, powering the Atlanta Braves to a 6-3 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals.

In the American League, the Texas Rangers ended a 12-game losing streak, edging the Boston Red Sox 1-0 as Rookie Bobby Johnson got his first hit of the season, a home run. Doc Medich pitched 1-3 scoreless innings and the Texas defense tied a club record with five double plays.

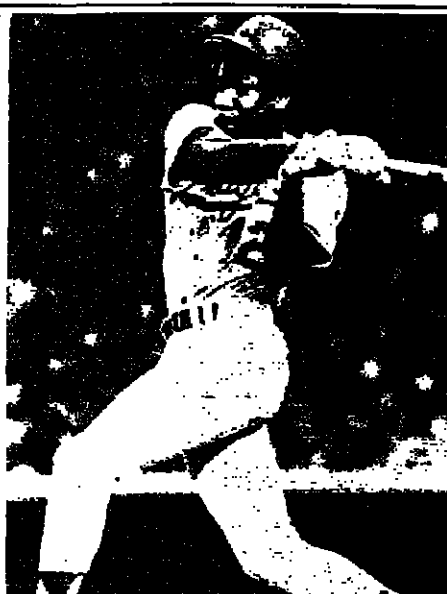
Willie Upshaw drilled a two-out, tie-breaking single with two out in the seventh inning and the Toronto Blue Jays went on to defeat the Kansas City Royals 6-4. Ted Simmons cracked a two-run homer and Gorman Thomas and Cecil Cooper added solo shots to power the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Chicago's Jim Morrison clouted two home runs, Greg Luzinski belted one and Harold Baines slammed a two-run triple to lead the White Sox to an 8-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

In late AL action on the west coast, Todd Cruz belted his fourth home run of the season and scored twice, while Mike Stanton, Ed Vanderberg and Bill Caudill pitched out of an late-inning jams, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 5-2 victory over the New York Yankees.

Cal Ripken Jr. broke a 1-1 tie with a solo homer in the fifth inning and the Baltimore Orioles beat California 5-3 for Scott McGregor's 11th consecutive victory over the Angels.

Andre Thornoon hit his seventh home run of the season as the Cleveland Indians erupted for seven runs in the fourth inning and went on to snap Oakland's seven-game winning streak by burying the A's 15-6.



Dusty Baker...slugs seasons fourth home run.

Reardon all set
to make last eight

SHEFFIELD, England, May 8 (R) — Britain's Ray Reardon, six-time world professional snooker champion and the top seed left in this year's event, moved nearer the quarter-finals Friday when he took a 10-6 lead over compatriot John Virgo.

Reardon, 49, who won the last of his titles in 1978, showed all the touch of an old master as he stretched his overnight lead of 6-2 by winning three of the first four frames Friday. But the Welsh number four seed suffered a lapse in concentration and Virgo made sure the best-of-25-frame match would go into a third day by taking three of the final four frames.

Reardon, who had a break of 74 in the 12th frame, should clinch victory Saturday and go into the last eight, where his likely opponent will be South African Silvano Francisco. Francisco got the better of his clash of the giant-killers against 19-year-old Briton Dean Reynolds and ended the day 5-3 in front.

The South African beat No. 5 seeded Briton Dennis Taylor in the first round while Reynolds defeated eight-time champion Fred Davis.

Northern Ireland's Alex "Hurricane" Higgins confirmed his status as the bookmakers' favorite by racing into a 6-2 lead over Welshman Doug Mountjoy, runner-up to Steve Davis last year.

Mountjoy looked all set to win the third frame when he led by 17 points with just the pink and black remaining. But in potting the blue he snookered himself behind the black. Mountjoy incurred a six-point penalty and Higgins stepped in to snatch the frame.

Ray Reardon leads John Virgo 10-6 (Reardon led 6-2 overnight). Frame scores — 91-41, 83-34, 16-80, 80-56, 22-87, 23-66, 82-43, 63-73. Willie Thorne leads John Spencer 5-3. Frame scores — 36-55, 72-50, 7-92, 63-16, 62-52, 23-70, 141-0, 63-29.

Francisco leads Reynolds 7-5. Frame scores (Francisco first): 32-41, 14-74, 65-60, 69-34.

Middlesex turns
tables on Essex

LONDON, May 8 (R) — John Emburey, deprived of the Middlesex vice-captaincy after going on the South African tour, hit 67 to steer the county to an exciting two wickets win over Essex Friday.

Essex looked set to win when Middlesex lost their seventh wicket at 246, with 102 runs still needed despite a forceful 90 in 181 minutes by Mike Gatting. But Emburey was joined by Mike Selvey and newcomer Neil Williams in partnerships worth 43 and 59 respectively which led to the victory.

Middlesex captain Mike Brearley opened the way to a positive result by declaring their first innings at the overnight eight for no wicket and Essex skipper Keith Fletcher responded by forfeiting his team's second innings. An unbeaten 96 in as many minutes by Javed Miandad for Glamorgan and a career-best five for 100 by Warwickshire leg-spinner Asif Din injected some excitement into the drawn match at Edgbaston. Miandad's dazzling innings included 15 fours and a six. But rain killed the possibility of a definite result after Asif had given Warwickshire a brief scent of victory by taking three for 28 in his first spell.

At Southampton: Match drawn. Leicestershire 281 in 82.3 overs and 214 (C. Balderson 40) N. Cowley six for 48). Hampshire 301 for nine declared in 85.3 overs and 81 for one (C. Greenidge 40 not out). Hampshire eight points. Leicestershire seven points.

At Northampton: Match drawn. Yorkshire 368 for eight declared in 97 overs and 189 for five declared (John Love 64 not out, P. Carrick 44). Northamptonshire 223 in 85 overs and 160 for four (Larkins 59). Yorkshire eight points. Northamptonshire five points.

At Edgbaston: Match drawn. Glamorgan 303 in 111.1 overs and 190 (Javed Miandad 96 not out, Asif Din five for 100). Warwickshire 280 in 90.4 overs. Glamorgan seven points. Warwickshire six points.

At Taunton: Match drawn. Somerset 212 in 73.1 overs and 150 for nine declared (B. Rose 43, A. Pigott three for 26). Sussex 192 in 73 overs (J. Varley 47, H. Moseley five for 40) and 125 for three (G. Mendis 49 not out). Somerset six points. Sussex five points.

At Lord's: Essex 355 for eight declared. Middlesex eight for no wicket declared in three overs and 348 for eight (M. Gatting 90, J. Emburey 67, not out, M. Brearley 59). Middlesex 18 points. Essex four points.

At The Oval: Surrey beat Kent by 18 runs. Surrey 205 in 58.2 overs and 90 for no wicket declared (A. Butcher 59 not out). Kent 48 for three declared in 15 overs and 229 (N. Taylor 82, R. Woollmer 62, S. Clarke five for 52). Surrey 15 points. Kent four points.

At Worcester: Match drawn. Derbyshire 198 in 78.2 overs and 247 for eight declared (J. Wright 60, S. Perryman five for 97). Worcestershire 194 in 67.5 overs and 192 for five. Derbyshire and Worcestershire five points each.

At Oxford: Gloucestershire beat Oxford University by ten wickets. Oxford University 230 and 217 (R. Cowan 60 not out, K. Hayes 52, D. Surridge four for 43). Gloucestershire 411 for five declared and 37 for no wicket.

Vilas, Cano fall in decisive doubles

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, May 8 (R) — Australia joined the United States and Spain in the semifinals of the Nations Cup Tennis Tournament here Friday by beating France 2-1.

But France's hopes of a place in the last four remained alive when Italy beat Argentina by the same score, leaving at least three nations in with a chance of joining Australia.

Argentina and Italy were tied 1-1 Thursday night following Guillermo Vilas' 6-2, 6-1 win over Italian Corrado Barazzutti and Adriano Panatta's hard-fought 6-4, 6-7, 7-6 victory over Argentine Alejandro Ganzabal. Paolo Bertolucci and Panatta won the deciding doubles by beating Vilas and Ricardo Cano 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

In final group matches, Australia meet Argentina and France play Italy in the Blue Group. The Red Group results had little meaning except to decide the semifinal pairings with the Blue Group qualifiers.

The United States beat Spain 2-1 to top the section. Spaniard Jose Higueras beat Eliot Teltscher 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, but Gene Mayer leveled by beating Fernando Luna 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. Mayer and Sherwood Stewart won the deciding doubles against Higueras and Angel Gimenez 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

Hosts West Germany finished the tournament without a win after losing 2-0 to Sweden. Anders Jarryd beat Christoph Zimpf 6-3, 6-3 and Mats Wilander beat Hans-Dieter Beutel 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. The doubles was not played.

Sneed maintains top spot

HOUSTON, Texas, May 8 (AFP) — Ed Sneed, of the U.S. shot a tough one-under-par 70 over the wind swept Woodlands Country Club course here Friday to take a two-stroke lead after two rounds in the \$350,000 Houston Open.

His 36-hole total of 134, was two clear of Australian Bob Shearer, who carded 67 Saturday and Britain's Peter Oosterhuis who chimed in with a 68, the same as in the first round.

Indeed Shearer, enjoying his best ever run on the U.S. circuit, should have made a share in the lead, but bogeyed the last two holes to set Sneed clear again. Further down the field, Fred Couples shot an excellent 66 for 137 and Scott Hoch faded with a disappointing 73 for a total 138.

Shearer, who has four top finishes in six tournaments, started the day at two under, but hit a string of four straight birdies to drop eight under. But a bogey on the par-3 hole and another on the final hole dropped the Australian behind the leader.

Meanwhile, a tip from his wife helped Sandy Lyle of Scotland to play his best ever round on the European Golf Circuit Friday. He went round the Saint-Nom-La-Breteche course west of here in 64 strokes on

As Italians keep hopes alive

Vilas, Cano fall in decisive doubles

McEnroe whips Sadri

Meanwhile the top three seeds in the \$500,000 WCT Tournament of Champions — John McEnroe, Ivan Lendl and Jose-Luis Clerc — all made it through to the semifinals with wins Friday.

McEnroe, the top seed, shrugged off a painful ankle injury sustained two months ago in Brussels to oust big-serving fellow American John Sadri 6-3, 6-3.

Lendl, shooting for McEnroe's world No.

Davis Cup results		
American Zone		
Paraguay	2	Canada 0
European Zone		
Greece	2	Turkey 0
Bulgaria	1	Denmark 0
Yugoslavia	2	Norway 0
Portugal	2	Tunisia 0
Ireland	2	Luxembourg 0
Poland	1	Morocco 1

1 spot, needed only one hour to end the run of young American Mel Purcell, winning 6-2, 6-2. The Czech's heavy serve and powerful forehand were too much for Purcell to deal with.

Clerc, who earlier this week said he would renounce from playing at Wimbledon if the Falkland Islands crisis is not settled beforehand, cruised past the improving Peruvian Pablo Arraya with a 6-2, 6-0 scoreline. Clerc now plays Lendl for a place in

the final. McEnroe's opponent in the semis is the title-holder Eddie Dibbs. The 31-year-old baseliner from Florida, appears to reserve his best tennis for this wealthy tournament and in Thursday's quarterfinals he was much too persistent for Brian Teacher, winning 6-2, 7-6.

The crowd, as usual, began rooting against McEnroe, who lives just eight miles away from the West Side club. The crowd began booing soon after McEnroe question the umpire on a call. Sadri told McEnroe to stop his antics and McEnroe replied: "Great PR (Public Relations)." Later McEnroe was given a conduct warning by umpire Paul Malloy after he hit a ball too close to a lineswoman.

Rain forced the suspension of two quarter-final clashes in the Italian Women's Tennis Open in Perugia. At the time of the interruption, Billie Jean King was poised to create an upset when she led German Sylvia Hanika 6-0, 0-6, 1-0.

The other clash saw American Lisa Bonder trail 2-3 in the second after taking the first set from Yvonne Vermaak. Yvonne had made the grade at the expense of local hope Sabina Simmonds whom she beat 7-6, 6-1.

China intends to enter next year's Davis Cup Tennis competition, the first time it will have taken part since before World War Two, Chinese Sports officials said in Peking Saturday.

The golfers'
green signal

PARIS, May 8 (AFP) — Golf has always been one of the least scientific of sports but that could soon change because of a little device which can instantly measure the speed of greens.

Golfers have always relied on the practice rounds to get an idea of how they need to putt in tournament matches, but the speed of greens can vary from day to day as it has in this week's French Open where the potential value of the new stimpometer has been demonstrated.

Dawn frost on the first two days hindered grass cutting at the St. Nom-La-Breteche course and analysts said some golfers might have putted differently if they could have weighed up more accurately how much the mowing problem had slowed down each green.

The instrument is basically a lever which holds the ball until elevated to a certain angle. The reading here on Thursday was 6.7 compared with 10,000 which the organizers of the U.S. Open like to achieve and the 12 measured at the Masters this year.

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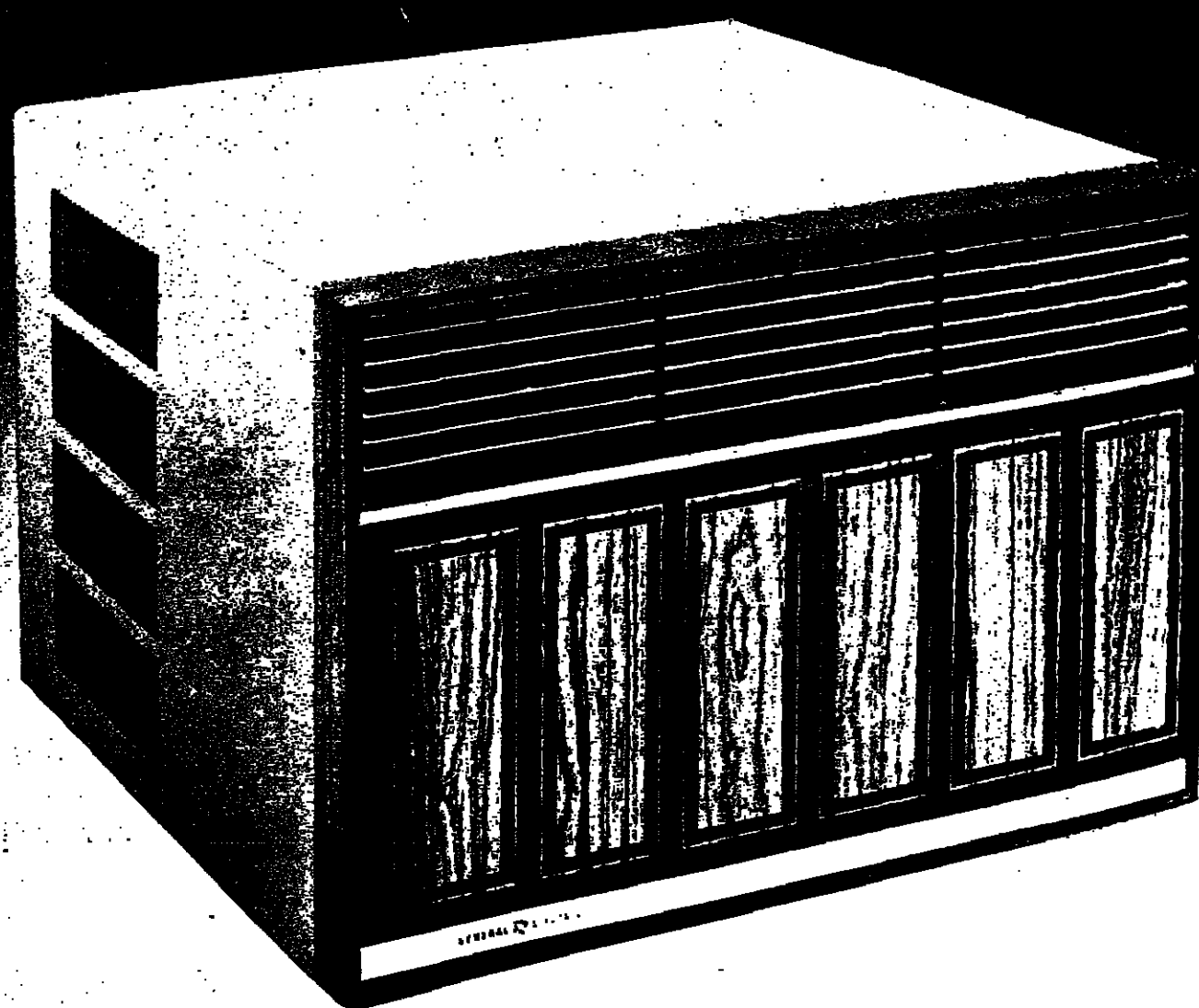
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Ipswich maintains title chase

Rush keeps Liverpool ahead

LONDON May 8 (R) — Striker Ian Rush, one of the discoveries of the season, continued his remarkable goal-scoring run as Liverpool all but sealed up their 13th English Soccer Championship at Birmingham Saturday.

The young Welsh international struck his 29th goal of the year in the 48th minute and Liverpool's 1-0 win took their points haul to 82. Ipswich, pipped at the post by Aston Villa last year, look destined to be runners-up again although they kept their faint hopes alive with a 1-0 win at Brighton, England international Paul Mariner netting in the 26th minute.

But even if Ipswich win their two remaining matches the title will go to Liverpool for the fifth time in seven years if Liverpool takes just four points from their last three fixtures.

Manchester United, who enjoyed a brief spell at the top earlier this season, retained third spot when a 1-1 draw at West Ham took them on to the 72 point mark — 10 behind Liverpool.

As usual at this time of the season most of the excitement surrounds the battle to avoid relegation at the bottom of the First Division and the promotion fight at the top of the second. Middlesbrough, beaten 3-1 at home by Arsenal and Wolverhampton, who earned a point with a 1-1 draw at Everton look certain for the drop.

Five other clubs, Sunderland, Birmingham, Stoke, West Bromwich and Leeds are also in danger of relegation. Once-mighty

Leeds are the favorites to go down following a 2-1 defeat at Tottenham in a game which was personal nightmare for Scottish international defender Kenny Burns.

In the 13th minute Burns fouled Mark Falco and further embarrassment followed when he turned Glenn Hoddle free-kick past his own goalkeeper. Although Frank Worthington equalized in the 50th minute Gary Brooke ended Leeds' hope.

West Bromwich were beaten 1-0 home by Aston Villa and had England World Cup hope Cyrille Regis sent off. Sunderland went down by the same score at Southampton and also finished with 10 men after defender Rob Hindmarch was shown the red card.

Leeds have 38 points from 39 games, the

same total as West Bromwich, who have a match in Birmingham are on the 40-point mark, one fewer than Stoke, who were held to a 2-2 draw at home to Notts County, and Sunderland.

With Luton and Watford assured of promotion to the First Division, three of the four clubs on their heels suffered heavy defeats.

Football association (F.A.) Cup finalists Queen's Park Rangers were beaten 3-0 at Bolton and Leicester went down by the same score at Watford.

Those results were good news for Norwich who have only arrived at the top in recent weeks.

English soccer results

English Division One		
Birmingham	0	Liverpool 1
Brighton	0	Ipswich 1
Everton	1	Wolverhampton 1
Manchester City	1	Coventry 3
Middlesbrough	1	Arsenal 3
Nottingham Forest	0	Swansea 2
Southampton	0	Sunderland 2
Stoke	1	Notts County 2
Tottenham	2	Leeds 1
West Bromwich	0	Aston Villa 1
West Ham	1	Manchester United 1

Division Two		
Barnsley	3	Queens Park 0
Rangers	0	
Bolton	3	Sheffield Wednesday 0
Cardiff	0	Charlton 0
Chelsea	1	Crystal Palace 1
Newcastle	4	Wrexham 2

Division Three		
Norwich	2	Orient 0
Oldham	1	Derby 1
Rotherham	4	Blackburn 1
Shrewsbury	2	Grimsby 1
Watford	3	Leicester 1

Division Four		
Bristol Rovers	2	Plymouth 3
Barnley	2	Wyke 1
Chaset	2	Lincoln 2
Doncaster	2	Fulham 1
Exeter	1	Southend 1
Gillingham	1	Oxford 1
Huddersfield	1	Brentford 1
Millwall	1	Portsmouth 0
Preston	2	Chesham 0
Reading	2	Carlisle 2
Swindon	1	Newport 1
Wimbledon	0	Bristol City 1
Bradford	2	Bournemouth 2



Kenny Burns ... has a rough day

Villeneuve fights for life after crash at Zolder

ZOLDER, Belgium, May 8 (AP) — Canadian Grand Prix driver Gilles Villeneuve, 30, was critically injured in a 170 miles per hour accident in final qualifying Saturday for the Belgian Grand Prix.

Ferrari team manager Marco Piccini said some three hours after the accident that Villeneuve "is still alive" in Louvain hospital. An hour earlier, Zolder track manager Maurice Belien had said Villeneuve was "clinically dead."

A Belgian doctor was on a telephone link with a Dr. Bertrand, identified as Canada's leading head and spine specialist. Belien said Villeneuve has suffered a broken neck and other injuries.

The accident occurred about eight minutes before the end of the final one-hour qualifying session for Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix. The Ferrari team immediately starting packing up its equipment. It was evidently withdrawing from the race but did not make any immediate statement.

The other Ferrari driver, France's Didier Pironi, who won the last race at Imola, Italy, in a controversial duel with Villeneuve, alleged that officials had not taken account of repeated statement by the drivers the current cars were excessively dangerous.

Jochen Mass, whose car was involved in the crash with Villeneuve said he saw the Canadian approach in his Ferrari through his left-side rear mirror. "I drifted out to the right to allow him room, but we misunderstood each other and Gilles did the same," explained the experienced West German driver.

"He struck my right, back wheel and his car was flung up into the air. It smashed down several meters further on. Gilles was flung out of the car and onto the safety grill. I ran toward him immediately. His helmet had been torn off. He was motionless and after

treating him, the safety people took him by ambulance to the medical center."

Eyewitnesses saw Villeneuve's Ferrari fly some 150 yards in the air before crashing and ejecting Villeneuve. Doctors tried heart massage and other emergency treatment on the spot. Villeneuve, married with two children, was starting his fifth full season with the Ferrari team. He had competed in 67 Grand Prix.

Villeneuve, who comes from near Montreal, started competition in snowmobiles, and became the world champion before he started driving race cars. He swept the Formula Atlantic Series in Canada and was given his first chance in a Grand Prix car by the McLaren team at the British Grand Prix at Silverstone in 1977.



Gilles Villeneuve ... battling for dear life

Argentina firm on playing in Spain

BUENOS AIRES, May 8 (R) — Argentina will not pull out of the World Soccer Cup because of the Falklands crisis, a high government official said here Friday.

Deputy Sports Minister Norman Azcoitia told a local news agency: "Under no circumstances are we going to pull out of the World Cup."

World Cup chief Raimondo Saporta said earlier in Madrid he was optimistic that the Falklands crisis would be resolved before the tournament gets under way next month.

Julio Grondona, chairman of the Argentine Football Association, said Thursday that the Argentine squad would pull out only if ordered by the government to do so.

Clough too hints at quitting

Meanwhile, Brian Clough, one of Britain's most successful soccer managers of recent times, indicated Saturday that he might retire when his contract with Nottingham Forest expires in 15 months' time.

Clough, whose long-time partnership with Peter Taylor ended when his assistant manager resigned on Thursday, said in a column he writes for a national daily newspaper: "The pressures on a football manager's life might influence me to call it a day, just as it has with Peter. I've got the enthusiasm to try to do it, but I'm not sure I have the energy to do it. Another First Division Championship. But in a season's time I will assess what I want to do."

Clough and Taylor set out on a golden path when they moved from Hartlepool to Derby in the late 60s.



Imran Khan ... Board's choice

Imran is skipper

LAHORE, Pakistan, May 8 (AP) — All-rounder Imran Khan will lead a 16-member Pakistan cricket team on a tour of England this summer, Air Marshal Nur Khan, president of the Board of Cricket Control in Pakistan announced Saturday.

Star batsman Zaheer Abbas had been named as the vice-captain. The team consists of Imran Khan (captain), Zaheer Abbas (vice-captain), Javed Miandad, Majid Khan, Wasim Hasan Raja, Salim Malik, Haroon Rashid, Mansoor Akhtar, Sarfraz Nawaz, Sikander Bakht, Tahir Naqqash, Iqbal Qasim, Abdul Qadir, Wasim Bari, Mudassar Nazar and Mohsin Hassan Khan.

Cuban boxers in poor way

MUNICH, West Germany, May 8 (R) — Welterweight Jose Hernandez Friday became the third Cuban boxer to lose his first fight at the World Amateur Championships when he was defeated in a second round bout by Serik Konakbaev of the Soviet Union.

Hernandez, 19, making his debut in world competition, looked a fighter of great promise but was nonplussed by the tactics of the wily Konakbaev. The Russian kept the contest at close quarters and scored repeatedly with short body punches.

Despite being forced to box in a style he was clearly not accustomed to, Hernandez landed some stinging left jabs and the final decision of 4-1 in the Soviet fighter's favor was a little surprising. The Cuban camp found it incomprehensible and gesticulated angrily in the direction of the judges as they left the arena.

The unpalatable truth for Cuba, however, remained that Hernandez now joins bantamweight Rafael Cardenas and light-flyweight Hipolito Ramos among the championships' early casualties.

In the lightweight division, Cuba's Olympic champion Angel Herrera made short work of Kasem Barake, who was counted out after a barrage of ferocious punches in the second round of their second series clash.

The silver medalist at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, Kazimierz Adach of Poland, met tougher opposition in Romania's Viorel Ioana, losing a hard-fought encounter by a unanimous decision.

America lightweight Pernell Whitaker took a 3-2 points decision over Nigeria's Christopher Ossai. Ossai, who made a confident start to the championships when he defeated Canada's Greg Gayle, on the opening day,

spent most of Friday's bout punching thin air as Whitaker ducked, weaved, dodged and back-tracked.

Whitaker, a southpaw, and dubbed "The Invisible Man," relied on sudden leftuppercut to gather his points whenever he felt it necessary actually to stand and fight.

Two other Americans advanced to the quarterfinals when welterweight Mark Brel and defeated Romania's Mihai Ciubotaru and light-heavyweight Bennie Heard beat Sweden's Christer Corpi. Brel and in particular was in magnificent form, floating around the ring and then swooping low to hammer home some thunderous punches.

Ciubotaru was clearly rattled and he was counted out with 58 seconds of the first round remaining after being lashed with a vicious combination of left and right hooks.

India off to fine start

BIRMINGHAM, England May 8 (AP) — The Indian cricket tourists had to withstand some impressive pace bowling from Warwickshire pair Bob Willis and Willie Hogg before advancing to 108 for two at lunch at Edgbaston Saturday.

The match is the first three-day game of the Indian tour of England. Warwickshire played without Dennis Amiss and Geoff Humpage, both of whom toured South Africa with the rebel England team earlier this year, while the Indians fielded eight of the team that faced England in the final Test in Kanpur three months ago.

Opener Pranab Roy took 48 minutes to make nine of the Indian total of 33 before being caught by wicketkeeper, Chris Maynard off Willis' bowling.

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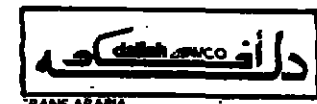


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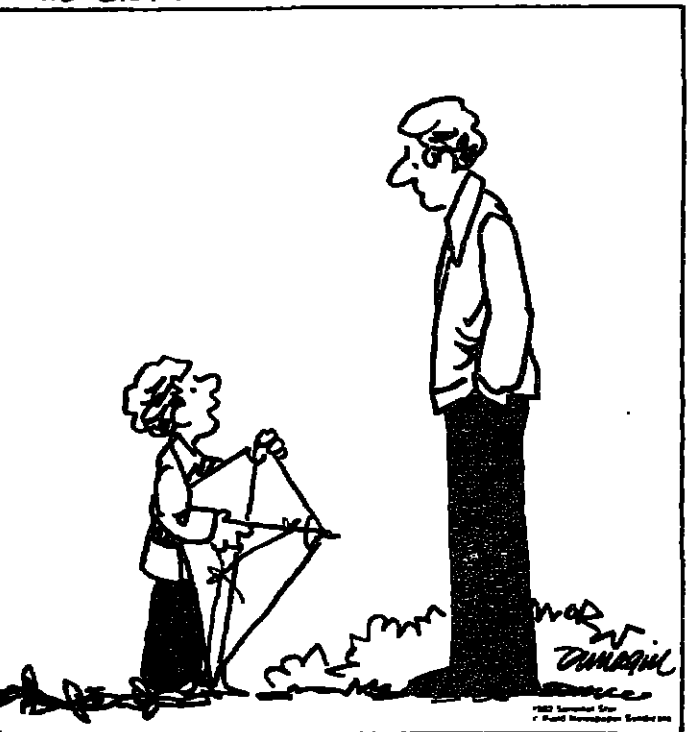
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
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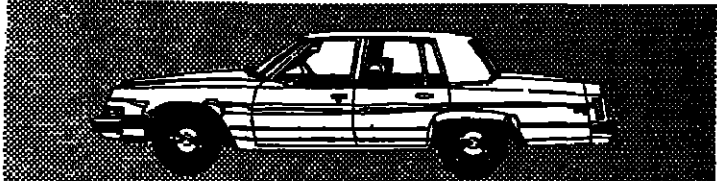
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International

Reagan to propose cutback in missiles

NEW YORK, May 8 (R) — President Ronald Reagan will propose that the United States and the Soviet Union cut back their nuclear arsenals to 850 intercontinental missiles and 5,000 warheads, *The New York Times* said Saturday. The United States now has about 1,700 missiles and the Soviet Union about 2,350.

To meet the limit on the warheads, the United States would have to cut back by 2,200 and the Soviet Union by 1,300, the newspaper said. It said the proposed reductions would take from five to 10 years to complete.

There was no immediate official comment available on the report. Quoting administration sources, the newspaper said the president made his decision after the joint chiefs of staff supported the formula which was backed by Secretary of State Alexander Haig. The *Times* said the Reagan decision is a victory for the position of Haig over that of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Weinberger wanted to measure reductions in missile throw weight — the weight of the warheads missiles could carry onto target. Haig argued that this approach represented too sharp a departure from past strategic arms agreements and would not be taken as a sound proposal by arms control experts in Europe and the United States.

The officials, according to *The New York*

Times, said the Haig proposal set a ceiling of between 350 and 400 bombers, but that nuclear weapons carried aboard bombers would not be included in the limit Reagan was reported to have decided upon.

It said administration officials explained that the idea for the proposal was to force the Soviet leaders to choose between keeping a few missiles with many number of warheads or maintaining a more balanced force of missiles and warheads.

U.S. officials said Reagan might discuss the possibility of a summit with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in Europe this year. Reagan has suggested that he and Brezhnev meet at a U.N. disarmament conference in New York next month, while the Soviet Union has proposed that the leaders hold talks in a neutral country, such as Finland or Austria, in the autumn.

Meanwhile, Haig gave Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin the outline of a forthcoming speech by Reagan defining the U.S. stand on strategic arms reductions. State Department sources in Washington said Friday.

The hour-long meeting between Dobrynin and Haig was held at the secretary of state's invitation. The Soviet Envoy said the talks were about "the international situation and bilateral relations," and part of the "periodic meetings" between American and Soviet officials.

302 indicted in Sadat assassination

CAIRO, May 8 (AP) — Seventeen extremists convicted in the assassination of President Anwar Sadat will be tried with 285 others in an alleged plot to overthrow the Egyptian government, the chief prosecutor said Saturday. He demanded death by hanging for 299 of the 302 defendants.

Listed in the indictment was Issam El-Attar, exiled leader of the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood who is now living in West Germany. El-Attar and four others are charged with giving about \$150,000 to the Egyptian extremist group El-Jihad to help finance the plot.

Among the 299 persons indicted as being members of El-Jihad, 19 have already been tried for the Oct. 6 Sadat assassination by a military court martial, and 17 were given sentences ranging from five years to life. Two of the Sadat defendants were acquitted. Five

others were executed last month.

The list also included three weapons dealers who were accused of selling explosives and ammunition to the group leaders. The prosecution called for life imprisonment for the three.

At a press conference chief prosecutor Ragaa El-Arabi said the leaders had formed a secret Islamic group within El-Jihad. "Their aim was to launch an armed revolution to seize power after assassinating high officials, attacking security troops, occupying the defense and interior ministers buildings and controlling strategic points," the indictment said.

The prosecution accused 85 members of the Jihad group of attacking the police headquarters in Asyut, about 640 kms south of here. No date has been set for the trial.

Fleet Street wages war of words over Falklands

LONDON, May 8 (AFP) — The Falklands war has come to Britain — at least to Fleet Street, where leading newspapers are being taken to task officially for their "neutral" reporting of the Anglo-Argentine conflict.

The first broadside came early this week from a Conservative member of parliament who accused reporter Peter Snow of BBC-2 television of "near treason". Snow, in reading the news, qualified a report with the phrases "if we believe the British" and "the only damage the British admitted".

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher followed up on Wednesday in the House of Commons saying: "The people are very concerned indeed that the case for our British forces isn't being put over fully and effectively. I understand that there are times when it would seem that we and Argentina

are almost being treated as equals and almost on a neutral basis. If this is so, it does give offense and cause great emotion among many people."

At a press conference, Foreign Secretary Francis Pym reportedly accused an Irish journalist of being pro-Argentina. But many observers are surprised at the official reaction. With the exception of two popular dailies, *The Sun* and *Daily Express*, none of the so-called "quality" newspapers has adopted an exaggeratedly nationalist tone but it would be untrue to say they have favored the Argentine viewpoint.

At the "worst" these newspapers have objectively reported the position of each side and have stressed the need to seek a peaceful settlement to the dispute. But even this was too much for *The Sun*, the mass

circulation tabloid owned by Australian press baron Rupert Murdoch. "Dare call it treason" *The Sun* said commenting on the accusations against Snow.

"*The Sun* does not hesitate to use the word. What is it but treason to talk on TV, as Peter Snow talked, questioning whether the government's version of the sea battles was to be believed? There are no neutral referees above the sound of the guns. A British citizen is either on his country's side — or he is its enemy."

The Sun, naming the pro-Labor *Daily Mirror* and the liberal *Guardian* newspapers, warned its readers that there were "other traitors" in the press. "*The Guardian*, with its pigny circulation (400,000) and absurd posturing is perhaps not worth attention," *The Sun* said. But *Mirror* read-

ers were "buying a newspaper which again and again demonstrates it has no faith in its country and no respect for her people."

The Mirror (circulation 3.8 million) Saturday hit back in a comment on the "ban of Fleet Street". It said *The Sun* had "long been a tawdry newspaper but since the Falklands crisis began it has fallen from the gutter to the sewer."

"*The Sun* today is to journalism what Dr. Josef Goebbels was to truth. Even *Pravda* (the Soviet Communist Party paper) would blush to be bracketed with it... Far from helping our cause it shames it," *The Mirror* said.

The Daily Mail (Conservative) meanwhile, has backed Mrs. Thatcher's stand saying that victory also involved "winning the propaganda war".

Polish demonstrators jailed up to 2 years

WARSAW, May 8 (Agencies) — Regional courts have handed down sentences of six months to two years for demonstrators arrested during recent street clashes throughout Poland, the Polish news agency PAP said Saturday.

The demonstrators were charged for the

most part with destroying flags and attacking the militia during massive shows of resistance to the regime Monday.

A first group of 597 persons out of 1,372 arrested during clashes on May 3 — have already appeared before police tribunals where fines are limited to 5,000 zlotys and

prison sentences to three months.

Forty-five persons in all have been summoned before the regional courts for their role in Monday's street violence which erupted during marches celebrating the signing of Poland's first constitution on May 3, 1791.

Meanwhile, Poland's Roman Catholic primate, appealing for an end to political violence in the streets of Polish cities, said Saturday young people should not be drawn into the problems of the country's workers.

"Otherwise young people will become a ball in the game and be manipulated by people who have stony hearts," the primate, Jozef Glomp, said. Young activists demonstrating in support of the suspended Solidarity trade union were in the forefront of clashes with riot police in Warsaw and other cities this week.

The Communist authorities have alleged that anti-Socialist elements stirred up impressionable youths to take on the police. He made his remarks at a church next to Warsaw cathedral, outside which supporters of Solidarity gathered before starting a march in defiance of martial law last Monday.

On Wednesday Poland's bishops condemned the street disturbances without apportioning blame, and also called for urgent concessions from the authorities to ease the tension. Saturday's statement did not refer specifically to the latest violence and dwell only on the need to avoid conflict. But it seemed to reflect a growing concern that the situation might deteriorate.

French celebrate Europe war end

PARIS, May 8 (AP) — Under a light but steady rain, President Francois Mitterrand led government officials Saturday at ceremonies at the Arch of Triumph marking the 37th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe.

Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender was actually signed May 7, 1945 by Gen. Alfred Jodl at Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters at Reims. The following day, the surrender was ratified at another ceremony in Berlin by Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German high command. The surrender ended more than five years of bloodshed in Europe that cost millions of lives.

The bad weather kept many away from the ceremony, the first time the German capitulation has been officially commemorated in France since 1975, but several thousand people braved the rain to crowd the sidewalks around Place Charles de Gaulle.

Mitterrand, bareheaded and wearing a blue coat, rode up the Champs-Elysees Avenue in a command car, escorted by two squadrons of the republican guard and 24 motorcycles.

Military honors were rendered by a large circle around the monument made up of detachments from France's four major military academies, the gendarmes and several other military units.

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